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OUTLINES.

Congress adjourned for the holidays, against the protest of Representative Gaines who wanted it to remain on duty and transact the business before it; Office of Vice Admiral will be created for Bob Evans; several important bills were introduced—A \$25,000 fire at Grundy, Va., destroyed the hotel, dwelling houses and stores—Only thirteen bodies have thus far been recovered of the two hundred or more believed to have been killed in the explosion of the Darr mine at Jacobs Creek, Pa.—In New York today the "lid will be off" and it will be up to the police inspectors to interpret the new ordinance recently passed by the Aldermen—Robert C. Caldwell, the central figure in the famous Druce case in London was arrested on a charge of perjury on his arrival in New York yesterday—In the Oklahoma Legislature, the Chaplain prayed that Mr. Bryan might be the next President of the United States and the members applauded—Governor Sparks of Nevada, who is very sick, issued a statement yesterday regarding the proposed removal of the troops from Goldfield and says "he hopes no blood will stain the streets as a result"—The Department of Justice at Washington has offered a reward of \$1,000, for the capture of the slayers of Deputy Collector Hendricks in Stokes county, Kentucky—It is probable that the Kentucky tobacco war is at an end, the result of a compromise reached yesterday at the conference between growers and buyers, called by Governor Wilson—Cabinet officers are leaving Washington for the holidays: Postmaster General Meyer will spend his in North Carolina—An uncle of Dr. A. C. Gieger, the slayer of James H. Oliphant, the New York broker, has claimed the suicide's body and taken it to Savannah, Ga., for burial—President Roosevelt will visit Pine Knot, Va., on the day after Christmas with Mrs. Roosevelt and remain for several days—New York markets, money on call, nominal; time loans firm and dull; rosin quiet, strained common to good 1.2; 3.25; turpentine easy at 46 1.2; flour dull but firm, corn meal, firm; wheat spot easy; corn, spot easy; oats, spot steady; spot cotton closed steady, middling uplands, 11.80; middling gulf, 12.05; sales none.

The Congressional Record issues no Christmas edition and by so doing makes a great hit.

The King of Abyssinia will sell his office for \$200,000. Here's a chance for "Mr. Gas" Addicks.

The extra session won't be in it with the domestic session when some of the Christmas bills show up.

Of course, you have noticed how nice and polite and even obliging, the young folks all are these days.

The worst thing about Arkansas is not that she sent Davis to the Senate but that she seems to be proud of him.

But was it right to send forth a big fleet on a "peace" mission and under command of a man known as "Fighting Bob"?

Williams and DeArmond were probably trying to give the country a forcible illustration of what real Republican harmony is.

No wonder Secretary Taft's ship was late. The engines were all right and did their best but the ship was over loaded.

The Raleigh dispensary would not have sold over a quarter of million dollars worth of whiskey in three years, if the people had not wanted it.

It will be three months before another Friday, the 13th, comes around but any one can find something else on which to blame his bad luck.

From the restrictions the New Orleans saloon keepers are advocating for themselves it would seem as though they are also afraid of the handwriting on the wall.

A scientist contends that man is merely an evolution of the fish. This is not probably because of any fondness of the average specimen for water but because every now and then somebody in his neighborhood throws the hook into him.

"No Englishman, I hope," says Ambassador Bryce, "considers himself a foreigner in the United States." Certainly not. He is usually a son-in-law or a brother-in-law, or else he has ambitions in that direction. That is, of course, except the very poor and they have to go to work.

A Chicago man is suing his wife for divorce after only sixteen days of married life. His plea is too much love and too many kisses. If this be the only cause of complaint he had no reason to go to the divorce court. A little more time; only a few more days, and in all probability the cause for complaint would be removed.

THE FORCES REDUCED

Upwards of One Hundred Men in A. C. L. General Offices Laid Off.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST.

Cut Made in All Departments Following General Policy of Retrenchment All Over System—Announcement.

Pursuing the policy of retrenchment applied to all other departments of the system some time ago in view of the rapidly decreasing volume of traffic on its lines, notice was given yesterday that effective January 1st, there will be a reduction of the forces in the general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line in this city.

The reduction applies to each and every department in the general offices and the order was promulgated in a majority of the offices by the chief clerks when the men reported for work yesterday morning, while all others will be given notice tomorrow morning. It is said that the order, which comes from the executive offices of the company, will result in the laying off of between fifty and one hundred men, some of them with families and all residents of this city. The order was passed down from "higher up" and the heads of departments in the big office buildings were given their discretion of laying off the men to the degree stipulated in the general order, which is understood to have been for a ten per cent. cut in the appropriation for the operation in each office. In the laying off of men, the higher salaried men seem to have fared no better than those receiving less and the knife was laid on to the point of the ten per cent. regardless of who was affected. The orders stated that the company very much regretted the necessity for this action and that as soon as conditions would permit all of the employees laid off would be given preference when their services were required.

The reduction in force amounted to eight men in the office of the auditor of freight receipts, about an equal number in the auditor of passenger receipts, five in the car accountant's office, two in the engineers' office, two in the freight traffic department; two in the Passenger Traffic Department, and one each in Insurance, Passenger and Transportation Departments with other reductions corresponding in all other offices. The company is also said to be considering a reduction in the wages of all employees, but nothing definite has been done in this respect as yet.

The employees laid off in the several departments yesterday viewed the matter philosophically and many of them are arranging to get positions elsewhere though the cry is retrenchment in the railroad centres all over the United States. Hostile legislation, the general financial stringency and other causes were assigned as reasons which make this action upon the part of the railway people imperative and no class of people appreciate this situation more than do the employees themselves who have knowledge of the exact status of affairs in railroad circles. It is stated by one in a position to know that for the past month there has been a decrease of 32 per cent. in the freight traffic volume, while passenger receipts have been reduced 35 per cent. In the face of this and with a dividend for stockholders all but passed at the last meeting of the directors when the dividend was made payable in certificates of indebtedness, the railroad company had nothing else to do to save itself but adopt a policy of retrenchment with the falling off in traffic.

The action of the company in laying off the men caused a sensation at the offices yesterday. While some such action was anticipated, the employees generally thought it would take the form of a reduction in salaries, or lived and prospered under the hope that the knife would get the neck of the "other fellow." Some of the best men in the employ of the Coast Line are "down and out," but the hope is sincerely expressed that it will not be long before conditions will so improve that all may be taken back.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

The A. David Co.—Clothing.
W. B. Cooper—An Appreciation.
J. W. Robinson & Co.—The Best.
S. P. Cowan, Sheriff—Tax Notice.
Atlantic National Bank—Transfer.
J. W. H. Fuchs—Seasonable Goods.
Southern National Bank—Resources.
Jefferson Life Ins. Co.—Announcement.
Crystal Palace—Big Christmas Offering.
F. E. Hashagen Co.—Victor Hugo Cigars.
Business Locals.
Candycapps—Same Place.
Wanted—Shingle Machine.
Wanted—Furnished Rooms.
For Sale—Christmas Flowers.
For Sale—Holiday Evergreens.
Wanted—Experienced Salesmen.
Mrs. Knapp—Painted Chinaware.
Wanted—Address of J. C. Corbett.

TRANSFER OF THE BANK

Effects of the Atlantic Yesterday Evening Moved to Banking House of the Murchison National Second and Chesnut Sts.

With the close of business yesterday afternoon the Atlantic National Bank ceases to exist and all the books and effects of the institution with currency and specie in the building at northwest corner of Front and Princess streets have by this time been transferred to the splendid banking house of the Murchison National National Bank, northeast corner of Front and Chesnut streets, with which the Atlantic was merged last week and which now becomes one of the largest and strongest financial institutions in the South.

The transfer of books and other effects was made early last evening and all night long the clerks of both institutions were as busy as bees, making a transfer of the Atlantic accounts to the ledgers of the Murchison. The clerical forces of both of the institutions are at work on this assignment and the transfer will be completed by the opening of business Monday morning. The clerical staffs of both institutions are retained with the consolidated banks in their entirety for the present. The Atlantic Bank at Front and Princess streets will not be open Monday and all patrons will be served at the Murchison at Second and Chesnut streets. The transfer entails a wonderful amount of work, but the clerical forces of the two institutions were at work with a will last night and if nothing happens everything will be in shape Monday morning. The Carolina Savings and Trust Co. will be open at regular hours this week until it is moved with the People's Bank into the old Atlantic quarters, which will be one of the best housed savings institutions in the State. An official notice of the transfer of the business of the Atlantic National Bank is given elsewhere in today's paper.

It is stated that Mr. Joseph W. Yates, cashier of the Atlantic National Bank, will be with the Murchison as assistant cashier. His friends will be delighted to know this and will be pleased to make his "acquaintance" Monday in the new company.

REV. W. E. COX TO WED.

Popular Young Rector of This City to Claim Tennessee Bride.

The following from the Knoxville, Tenn., Daily Sentinel will be read with much interest by friends in this city and elsewhere throughout the State where the prospective groom is so well and favorably known:

"Mrs. James O'Conner announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Lula, to Rev. William Edward Cox, of Wilmington, N. C., the wedding to be solemnized on the morning of Thursday, January 16, at St. John's Episcopal church of this city. Rev. Walter C. Whitaker, rector of St. John's church, will officiate and the details of the wedding will be as simple as possible on account of the death of the father of the bride-elect, which occurred a year ago.

"Miss O'Conner is the daughter of the late Col. James O'Conner and has always made her home in this city, where she has scores of friends. She is a graduate of the city schools, and of the Miller school of Cincinnati. For several years she has been a successful teacher in the city schools, where she has won for herself the love and respect of all.

Mr. Cox was formerly rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Greenville, N. C., but is now of the St. John's church, Wilmington, N. C. He is an alumnus of the University of North Carolina, having taken the B. A. degree from that institution. He also holds the B. D. degree from the University of the South at Sewanee, and has taken special courses at the General Theological Seminary of New York City. He was at one time called to assist Rev. Samuel Ringgold, D. D., in this city.

During the past summer he was in temporary charge of Christ's church, Nashville, during the vacation of the rector.

The announcement of the wedding of these two young people will be heard with interest by many in this city.

NEW YEAR'S DANCE.

Pretty Affair to be Given by Howard Relief Club, Jan. 2nd.

The annual New Year's dance to be given by the Howard Relief Club will take place this year on the night of the second of January and elaborate arrangements are being made for the affair. The dance will take place in the elegant ball room of the club building, Front and Orange streets and a large number of couples from Wilmington and from a distance will be here for the occasion.

The committee of arrangements is composed of Messrs. F. W. Dock, chairman; W. B. Schuler, H. T. F. Wrede, J. D. Doscher, Jr., and F. W. Ortmann, Jr.

Cars to the Beach.
Today cars to the beach every half hour in the afternoon.

See Mrs. Knapp's ad in locals for big bargains in Hand Painted China.

DOINGS AT RALEIGH

Cruiser North Carolina in Waters of State For Silver Service Presentation.

THE PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN

Meetings Slimly Attended and Workers Appealing Strongly—Delegates to National Guard Meeting.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Governor Glenn has received a letter from the acting Secretary of the Navy to the effect that when the cruiser North Carolina is commissioned and ready for the reception of the silver service this State is to present, favorable consideration will be given the request for the cruiser to come into North Carolina waters at Cape Lookout for the presentation ceremonies.

B. C. Beckwith, of the State Board of Internal Improvements, has undertaken an investigation of the affairs of the colored Orphanage at Oxford, it being a State and Masonic institution. It seems that the cost per capita for the support of the orphans in the colored institution is considerably more than the cost in the Oxford Orphanage for white children supported in the same manner. None Oxford Orphanage under Superintendent W. J. Hicks has a per capita cost for support of \$68.35, while the colored orphanage under Rev. R. Shepherd costs \$70.35. January 1st Rev. Shepherd retires as superintendent and will be succeeded by ex-Congressman Cheatham. Shepherd will travel for the orphanage.

Delegates were appointed today by Governor Glenn from North Carolina to the annual meeting of the National Guard Association to be held in Boston January 13th. The delegates are Adjutant General T. R. Robertson, Raleigh; Gen. F. A. Macon, Henderson; Col. J. H. Gardner, Shelby; Col. H. C. Bragaw, Washington; Col. J. N. Craig, Reidsville; Lieut. Colonel J. C. Bessent, Winston-Salem.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner is having prepared for the printers a new volume devoted to plans for public school buildings with from one to six room capacity. The first work of this kind was done in 1903 and the results have been phenomenally gratifying in bringing about the erection of superior buildings especially adapted to public school purposes.

Much disappointment was manifested by prohibition workers last night at the small attendance at the Prohibition mass meeting for the evening. State Organizer R. L. Davis had published in the daily papers an earnest appeal for a large audience as he had addressed two previous meetings all too slimly attended, as he declared, and that he had a message which he wanted to deliver to the good people of the city. An attendance of one thousand was appealed for. One of the most active Prohibition workers sized up the crowd last night at considerably less than one hundred and fifty. Interest, however, was very deep and a determination to press on the fight for Prohibition with renewed vigor was manifested.

State Organizer R. L. Davis discussed prohibition from a Biblical standpoint and made a very forcible address. Rev. Mordecai Ham, the prohibition evangelist, also spoke and announced progress in the organization of the children for parade purposes and also in inducing women to do campaign work at the polls. Quite a number of women, it is said, have pledged themselves to work of this kind, although the Woman's Temperance Auxiliary, organized to aid in the Prohibition campaign had adopted a resolution that no work at the polls would be undertaken by the women.

One of the most active Prohibition workers said last night that he feared a serious mistake had been made in undertaking this campaign at this season of the year. It should have been, he says, in the Summer, or Autumn when open air meetings could be held as it is next to impossible to reach the masses through these church mass meetings.

The general expectation now seems to be that the election will be very close with the chances in favor of Prohibition.

CHRISTMAS AT PALACE.

Big Offering at Popular Place of Amusement on Second Street.

The Beasley Concert Company, which has been booked at considerable extra expense to the management, will be the Christmas feature attraction at the Crystal Palace all this week. These people were secured by telegraph to fill the engagement here for Christmas and patrons of the pretty house of amusement may look forward to something good. They will get in today and will go on at the Crystal Palace promptly on time tomorrow afternoon. These people will be in addition to the other bill of specialties at the theatre, all of which appear from an attractive advertisement elsewhere in today's paper.

Read Platt & Haar's ad today.

THAT PRIVATE CONTRACT

Majority of Aldermen Said to Be Opposed to Abandonment of Municipal Ownership—To Pay No More Bills.

According to persons claiming to be well informed on the subject, it was stated yesterday quite positively that a majority of the Board of Aldermen is opposed to entering into any private contract with the Clarendon Water Works Company in the event the present negotiations for the purchase of the plant by the city fail.

Nothing was heard from the company yesterday as to their willingness to make the city another counter proposition along the outlines given in yesterday's paper and many of the Aldermen were indignant that the company should suggest any further private contract. One of them stated that if the company was holding off from yielding to the offer now made by the city that they were badly fooled. The matter will be finally disposed of at the first meeting of the Aldermen in January, it is said, when the Water Works Committee will recommend that the city declare all negotiations with the present company off and that the Commission proceed at once with the laying of a new system. It is pointed out that a sale of the bonds can be effected at a good price contrary to the popular supposition and it is cited that only last week the city of Charleston, S. C., sold \$220,000 worth of new city four per cents, the entire issue being awarded with a majority of them at a premium. None bid below par and a good profit was realized on the same in the way of premiums. The same was true week before last when Columbia, S. C. sold some of her water works bonds as needed at way above par.

A sensational development during the day was an unqualified statement from Chairman Wood, of the Water Committee of the Board of Aldermen, that he would approve no bills after January 1st for hydrant rentals on the ground that the company is not fulfilling its contracts as to pressure and as to other requirements of the agreement. The new year promises to see some interesting developments in the water works situation.

ATTRACTIVE SHOW WINDOW.

Santa Claus Has Established Workshop at J. H. Rehder & Co's.

"A Santa Claus Workshop" is the scheme of one of the prettiest and most attractive show windows in the city. It was completed for the holidays at the big department store of J. H. Rehder & Company last night and hundreds gathered in front of the place to see the display. The window is the creation of Mr. E. Clayton Moore, the expert decorator of the establishment, assisted by Mr. M. L. Parker, one of the clever salesmen in the store.

The window most realistically pictures old Santa, reclining comfortably before an old-fashioned fire place, in a large arm chair, his foot resting up in the pile of fuel carefully piled up in the room for the night in view of a heavy snowstorm that is raging without as may be seen through an open window at which the flakes are flying thick and fast. Up above the mantel is a string of Christmas bells, so arranged as to ring out merrily the word "Christmas," while in the room may be found the old fashioned clock, ticking away the hours and gazing apparently down at the scene before it. All in the room, which occupies both of the large show windows in front of the store, it may be seen that Santa Claus has been busy and many attractive articles for the holidays are scattered here and there in delightful profusion. The window is an interesting study of the yuletide as it has been and is being observed in America.

LOCAL PORT PARAGRAPHS

Two Steamer Arrivals and One Clearance—Other Shipping Notes.

The British steamer Ness, 1,963 tons, Captain Page, arrived yesterday from St. Lucia and is consigned to Messrs. Heide & Co. She will receive cargo of naval stores here.

The British steamer Arroyo, 2,307 tons, Captain Clough, arrived yesterday from Vera Cruz to Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son and will receive cargo of cotton. This is the second voyage of the Arroyo to Wilmington this season, she having taken the first cargo of cotton from the port this year. The British steamer Hillmore, 2,299 tons, Captain Lakes, was cleared yesterday by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son for Bremen, Germany, with the thirty-first cargo of cotton from Wilmington this season. The cargo is a large one and the berth of the Hillmore will be taken by the Arroyo, which arrived yesterday.

The Norwegian steamer Byglands, which arrived a few days ago, has about completed receiving cargo of cross-ties and piling from L. J. Merriam for Panama. The Byglands is the second steamer to clear from Wilmington this season with cross-ties and piling for the Isthmus. The vessel is to C. D. Maffitt.

Fireworks at Rehder's, Fourth Street Bridge, Candycapps and Market Street store under Bonitz Hotel.

Holiday slippers at Peterson & Rulfs.

"MARION MISSION"

Great Munificence of Mr. And Mrs. James Sprunt at Delgado Village.

THE DEDICATION TODAY

Playground and Kindergarten Will be Opened Today With Appropriate Exercises—Dedictory Address by Rev. Wells.

It has just become known through the announcement of the plans for the dedication, which will take place this afternoon, that through the munificence of Mr. and Mrs. James Sprunt, of this city, the "Marion Mission" has been established at Delgado, the prosperous mill village to the east of Wilmington.

The mission is established as a memorial to the little son of the donors, who passed away some years ago in Asheville, and the institution promises to accomplish a great work among the hundreds of little children who would not otherwise have the splendid advantages which this institution will give to them.

The "Marion Mission" will be dedicated this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the village according to an appropriate programme of exercises that has been arranged for the occasion. There will be a special dedicatory sermon by the Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of which the donors are among the most consecrated members, and in addition there will be a special order of music that will be pretty and impressive.

The Mission consists of playground and building where special kindergarten instruction will be given by Miss Nan Huggins, of Wilmington, who has been secured to have the work in charge. The playground was given practically without reservation and will be a great blessing in that large community of working people where the parents are too oft entirely engrossed with their daily labors to give the time and attention to the family circle that is required. The playground is large and has been equipped with swings for the girls, horizontal bars and other gymnasium trappings for the boys with various other apparatus for all children, giving healthful amusement and recreation. The building has been completed and kindergarten will be taught there in charge of Miss Huggins, who is a most proficient instructor, so that the munificence is a great one.

The exercises this afternoon promise to be most interesting and impressive and the public is cordially invited.

HENRY F. WILLARD DEAD

Well Known Theatrical Man, Husband of Mabel Paige, is Gone.

Many Wilmington people who will pleasantly remember him for the several theatrical engagements his company has filled at the Academy of Music during the past several seasons, will be interested and saddened to learn from this week's issue of the New York Clipper that Henry F. Willard is dead. He was the husband of Mabel Paige, popularly known as the "Idol of the South" on the repertoire stage and with Miss Paige as the star in his company, had visited Wilmington several times though not for the past one or two seasons. Mr. Willard died at the home of Edwin F. Rush in New York City on December 16th, of consumption. The remains of the deceased were taken to Ontario for interment. For the past season or two Willard and wife had played Summer stock in Jacksonville, Fla.

ATKINSON HIGH SCHOOL.

Pleasant Entertainment There on Friday Evening of Week.

(Special Star Correspondence)
Atkinson, N. C., Dec. 21.—A very large and appreciative audience were highly entertained at the High School building Friday evening by the school in the play scenes from "Diddy, Dumps and Tot." The impersonations of these little characters were well rendered and the play as a whole was entertaining and showed the careful training and marked improvement of the students during the Fall term. After the exercises closed a beautifully lighted and well filled Christmas tree was unloaded of its pretty gifts for each one of the 134 students enrolled. The school has been doing excellent work during the term which will re-open December 31st, for the Spring.

Bible Study Club.

The Bible Study Club of the Young Men's Christian Association will meet Monday evening as usual and it is hoped there will be a full attendance of members. Dr. McClure teaches the class and the meetings are always of interest. The one Monday will be of special importance.

Col. Walker Taylor to Speak.

Col. Walker Taylor will be the special speaker at the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon at 5 o'clock. There will be a song service and all men may be assured that Col. Taylor will have something interesting and profitable to them.

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KEEP THE POT A-BOILING.

Whether Wilmington is prosperous in large or small figures; whether cotton sells for ten or fifteen cents; whether we contribute to one or a dozen philanthropic institutions:—

We should always keep "the pot a-boiling."

Christmas will always find hungry mouths and thinly clad bodies in both city and State.

There are some species of want that are never reached or eradicated by prosperity.

It is as true today as when Christ, whose birth we are about to celebrate enunciated the saying:

"The poor ye always have with you."

The Salvation Army, which has nobly established its right to consideration, strives each year to make Christmas joyous for those whom disease, poverty or ill-fortune have temporarily made the wards of society.

It does it work unostentatiously, but effectually. On street corners in the most prominent sections of the city will be stationed old-fashioned pots for the reception of contributions which shall be expended toward this beneficent end. They will be presided over by men or women—truly the "Tinker Bells" of charity—who unobtrusively call your attention to their mission.

Give liberally—as liberally as you can. The sharpest misery is that which is compelled to look into the land of happiness through the eyes of other people.

Help to relieve this misery; help to give Christmas its true meaning to people less fortunate than yourself.

THE MYSTERIOUS SAUSAGE.

Hash has long figured in story and song as a dish of mystery, but today a person able to describe the ingredients of a modern American sausage will be recognized as possessing genius of superhuman quality.

And it is probably due largely to this fact that the war of the sanitary authorities of Michigan against the sausage manufactured by one of the leading packing companies of Chicago is attracting so much attention in both the East and South, where the product is largely marketed and is undoubtedly more or less in demand.

It is said that it is not so bad as pure "dog," but that it is bad enough and no fault can be found with the Michigan officials' declaration that a mixture of bran, potato and offal with a modest quantity of pork in the making of sausage is a dishonest adulteration of a very desirable article of food.

But as the packing company has obtained a temporary injunction against the action of the Michigan authorities the country will have to await the final decision of the courts as to ascertain whether what is sold by the Chicago packing companies for pork sausage may consist largely of other materials that are undesirable if not reprehensible.

The water that enters into the mixture of bran with sausage costs nothing, but it has the virtue of weighing as much as the pork that is in them, and always sold by the pound, this increases the profits of the rapacious trusts. Of course, the latter will do all they can to defeat the purpose of the Michigan authorities to banish the counterfeit sausage from their State.

The case at hand, however, is interesting inasmuch as it shows that no matter how gross or palpable may be the swindle devised by a trust the concern will not hesitate to invoke the aid of the courts in an effort to prevent the public from obtaining any relief from the fraud.

In view of the fact that a good deal of the Chicago products are sold in North Carolina, even in Wilmington, the public welfare would not suffer if our own health authorities were to subject some of these products to a bit of probing, for it is more than certain that if the counterfeit sausage in question is shut out of one State, Michigan for instance, the packing houses will try to dispose of the stock on hand elsewhere and as likely as not, right here in Wilmington.

Read Platt & Haar's ad today. **

A SANE CONVENTION.

The Washington Herald "would like to see one sane convention, held solely for the purpose of transacting the serious business in hand, and not for the amusement or entertainment of a great throng of spectators," and it goes on to say that "nowhere else in the world would the conventions that have existed here for decades be permitted."

This is a sad but solemn fact and we regret to say that it is true of both of the big parties.

Our great national conventions have undoubtedly been too much of both a mob and a circus, and the gravest and most important matters, in which the people have a voice have frequently been altogether lost in a hubbub of confusion, where the proceedings were almost inaudible and the speakers' most strenuous efforts, were farcical performances of gesticulation and facial contortion.

Still, it is hard to see how these conditions can be changed without smaller halls for the conventions and a limitation of the number of those admitted. Of course a convention behind closed doors would never do; that we could not sanction.

The great American people, however, are enthusiastic to a degree and it just simply gets away with them.

With an immense auditorium and a crowding mass of curious sight seers, it is useless to expect anything like the quiet and order necessary for dignity, clear hearing and understanding but if a movement for a sane and intelligent convention, instead of a spectacular show should prevail, we may hope to see such meetings held in medium sized halls, with a limited attendance of visitors and under conditions that will ensure the minimum of disorder and interruption.

A "sane and a safe" convention is not a bad idea.

DON'T DO IT, BOYS!

"Why is it," asks a protesting correspondent of the Star, "that, especially on Saturday nights, young men line up in front of certain large stores where female clerks are employed?"

How should we know? But we have a pretty well defined idea that we can guess the reason. However, it is not a nice thing to do and it is hardly proper, we might say, for well-bred men to do so. At least, it is embarrassing to the ladies who observe them. If they have sweet hearts in the stores that they wish to conduct home, even sisters or cousins, after the stores close, it is not necessary for them to stand around for two or three hours before the close of business.

Some times they become hilarious and noisy and are a source of annoyance to customers going in and out of the stores. When they accost some of the young lady patrons and make audible remarks regarding their appearance, they become particularly offensive. It would be a good idea to break the habit, custom, or whatever it is, up.

The issue of The Charlotte Observer one week ago today was one of the most creditable feats of journalism ever displayed in this State and about the only question to be asked is "How did you do it?" Not only in the quantity but in the quality of its matter has its enterprising management much cause to be proud, and we extend our congratulations. The white paper alone, on which it was printed cost \$500 and weighed nearly seven tons. It carried 3,628 inches of advertising—a total of 172 2-3 columns. The entire edition if pasted together in a strip of 3 inches wide would reach from Charlotte to Reidsville—130 miles.

Hon. Peter Porter, who defeated Wardsworth, the regular Republican candidate, in a Congressional district in New York, is now a political Pariah in Washington. The Republicans will have nothing of him; said so in their caucus, because he ran on an Independent ticket, and there is, of course, no room for him in the Democratic camp. Whenever it comes to a tie vote, however, Mr. Porter can take his own ample revenge. He will then be able to make his own terms.

Beautiful lessons can be learned from the lowly octopus. For instance when the American Tobacco Company swallows a rival, head, hair and boots, it does not boast of its wonderful capacity and powers of digestion, but shows a sweet modesty by concealing the facts.

The Shah of Persia has managed to get into a whole lot of hot water by seeking to override the constitution of his land. Evidently he does not understand the virtue of speaking softly and using a big stick.

Fancy Pillow Tops, Germantown yarns, Peerless slipper soles, Children's bear skin suits, raincoats, Crawford shoes, at Rehder's, the Big Store, North Fourth street.

See Dick Warren about your fruit cake; 1,800 lbs. in stock. Warren's Steam Bakery.

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TWINKLINGS.

"Don't you think it awfully good of me to help beautify your church?" "Oh, but then—you always do."—London Opinion.

"No, I never allow my husband to go hunting." "Doesn't he ever hit anything?" "Yes, a bottle, and entirely too often."—Cleveland Leader.

"Daughter, how was it I caught Mr. Bashful kissing you in the parlor last evening?" "I succeeded in getting him in a corner."—Houston Post.

"The Philosopher—It's the man with a pull that gets ahead. The Politician—Yes; but it's the man with the head that gets a pull.—Illustrated Bits.

—Retribution.—Jones—That young man who plays the cornet is ill. Green—Do you think he will recover? —Jones—I am afraid not. The doctor who is attending him lives next door. —Tit Bits.

"Stocks were all down a few points today," remarked the broker. "The idea!" exclaimed his wife. "It's a wonder they didn't advertise it as a bargain day."—Catholic Standard and Times.

"Josiah," asked Mrs. Chugwater, "what do the papers mean when they talk about 'tainted money'?" "Money that's been kept in an old yarn sock," answered Mr. Chugwater. "Can't you give your mind a chance to work once in a while?"—Chicago Tribune.

—A soldier of the legion lay dying in Algeria. A committee of citizens who wanted to boom Algeria as a health resort waited upon him. "We wish you to change your headquarters," announced they. "You're hurting business here."—Kansas City Journal.

—Excusable—"I suppose," remarked the coy widow, "that you are not an advocate of early marriages?" "Oh, yes, I am," replied the scanty-haired bachelor. "Then," continued the coy widow, "why is it you are still a bachelor?" "That's quite another matter," answered the bachelor. "The only marriages I believe in are early ones, because there is some excuse for youthful follies."—Chicago News.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Try to sacrifice something once in a while for those whom you love and see if you aren't happier—Manchester Union.

Among those who would like to see Gov. Hughes transferred to Washington are the gentlemen who want some of those New York insurance laws repealed—Springfield Union.

In one county in Oklahoma fifteen murders have occurred during the past thirty days. A reasonable amount of enthusiasm over the Statehood proposition might be pardoned, but this is carrying it too far—Emporia Gazette.

What are we to do with the tramp? He has come to hate the casual ward, with its compulsory work, which is abhorrent to him, and its compulsory bath, which is almost equally so—in fact, prefers prison fare, which is much better than it used to be, and which carries with it no compulsion to labor.—Country Life.

The great body of American bankers are men of the highest honor. They can be trusted. They ought to be protected against the misdeeds and dishonorable standards of a few unscrupulous bankers who regard a bank surplus as merely their own personal balance to be drawn upon at will.—Outlook.

Gibbs candy in swell packages for Xmas. Warren's Steam Bakery. 3t

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Happenings and Doings In Society.

BY M. H.

THE BELL BUOY.

Alone upon a troubled sea
To rock and ring responsively,
I stand without, while others fly
To seek the friendly haven nigh.

My voice is heard by those who weep
For sailor sons upon the deep,
Who heed me not, nor breakers roar,
When wind and tide sweep on lee-shore.

Sometimes the hurrying crested swell
Engulfs and chokes this wide mouthed
bell.

But in the hollow troughs I ring
And on the wind exult and sing.

Throughout the day, throughout the
night,

On pinions spread in endless flight,
The bells on countless ships at sea
In answering echoes come to me.

When'er the moaning of the bar
Forbodes a storm or stress of war,
I toll upon the hungry sea
In muffled tones most dimly—

For those I strived in vain to save,
Who went unshriven to their grave.

And when the sea gives up its dead,
From secret caverns of its bed,
Then God's deep bells will silence me
Into a vast eternity.

—Mr. James Sprunt,
in The University Magazine.

Mr. Harvey Gilbert, of Savannah,
Ga., is the guest of Mr. Lawrence
Sprunt.

Miss Mary Foster, of Graham, N. C.,
and Miss Mary Henderson, of Sals-
bury, are visiting Miss Bessie Bridgers.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. George
P. James will be glad to know that
they will spend the holidays in the
city, the guests of relatives.

The many friends of Mrs. Margaret
Young will be glad to learn that she
will arrive on Monday, and will be the
guest of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hogue.

Mr. and Mrs. Marsden Bellamy, Jr.,
and little son, will spend the holidays
in Tarboro, N. C., where they will be
the guests of Mrs. Bellamy's parents.

Miss Alice DuBose, of Charlotte-
ville, Va., arrived on Saturday, and is
the guest of Miss Florence Kidder.
Miss DuBose will spend the Christmas
season in Wilmington.

Mrs. Haywood Clark spent a part
of the past week with her aunt, Mrs.
Mary Bryan, of Tarboro, leaving later
for Norfolk, Va., where she was the
guest of friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Burruss Corpew, of
"Edgewater," near Norfolk, Va., ac-
companied by their children, and Miss
Susie Burruss, are in the city, the
guests of Mrs. Kate Cumming, on
South Third street.

Messrs. Herbert and Emile Latimer
arrived during the past week to spend
the Xmas holidays with their uncle,
Mr. William Latimer, where they are
being cordially welcomed by their
many friends in this city.

Friends and Mr. W. T. Joyner, formerly
of Wilmington, and Mr. A. A. Moffitt,
an old Wilmingtonian, both of
whom are now residents of Florence,
S. C., were pleased to see them in the
city during the past week, where they
spent several days.

Mrs. H. B. Short and daughter, Miss
Marguerite Snort, have returned from
New York, and are in the city the
guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Skelding.
Their many friends will be glad to
learn that Mr. and Mrs. Short and
family will spend the Christmas holi-

days in Wilmington.

One of the most important events of
the holiday season, is to be the "Leap
Year Dance" which will be given on
the evening of the 1st of January, by
some of the young ladies of the younger
set. All who expect to participate
in this dance are looking forward to it
with pleasurable anticipation.

Admiral and Mrs. Francis H. Delano
arrived on Friday, to make a short
visit to their daughter, Mrs. Philip
Warland Delano. Admiral and Mrs.
Delano are en route to Florida, where
they expect to go to meet their son,
Captain Frederick H. Delano, U. S. M. C.,
who is at present stationed at Pal-
mira, Cuba.

Miss Isabel Smallbones entertained
a few of her friends at an informal
tea on Tuesday afternoon, and as
usual proved herself to be a most gra-
cious hostess. This season has been
marked by a number of these teas, of
a most informal nature, which have
been greatly enjoyed by all who have
attended them.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs.
Neil D. Emerson are pleased to learn
that they will arrive on Monday to
spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs.
Thomas M. Emerson. Mr. and Mrs.
Neil Emerson for the past few months
have been living in Waycross, Ga.,
and they have been greatly missed
by their many friends in this city.

One of the card parties of the holi-
day season will be that given by
Misses Kate and Reba Myers, com-
plimentary to Miss Grey, Miss Huske
and Miss Kellack. Invitations were
sent to friends on Tuesday last, which
read as follows:

Miss Reba Myers
Miss Kate Myers
Friday, December twenty-seventh
From four until seven
Miss Grey, Miss Huske, Miss Kellack.
Cards. R. S. V. P.

Sallsbury, N. C., Dec. 17.—At his ele-
gant home in Sallsbury Senator Lee
S. Overman will, during the holidays,
entertain Senator Foster, of Louisi-
ana, and Senator Clark, of Arkansas.
These gentlemen will accompany Sen-
ator Overman on his return from
Washington to Sallsbury the last of
the week and will be his guests dur-
ing the following week. Early in Jan-
uary Senator Overman will remove
his family to Washington for the re-
mainder of the present session of Con-
gress.

Mr. Lawrence Sprunt is entertaining
a delightful house party at their beau-
tiful home, "Orton" on the Cape Fear
River. The merry party left the city
Saturday, and expect to spend several
days as Mr. Sprunt's guests. Among
those who are present are: Misses
May Ella Moore, Virginia Bailey, Flo-
rence Kidder, Alice DuBose, of Char-
lottesville, Va., Julia Worth, Jennie
Murchison, Fannie Murchison and
Messrs. Markley Crosswell, Rob Cant-
well, Rob James, Harvey Gilbert, Sa-
vannah, Ga., and several others.

Invitations which read as follows
were received by friends on Wednes-
day last:

1882. 1907.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Calder Cantwell
At Home
Friday, December twenty-seventh,
From eight until eleven o'clock.
Wilmington, North Carolina,
518 Market Street.

With cards of the Misses Cantwell en-
closed.

The invitations are in silver letters,
and are most appropriate to the occa-
sion.

Wilmington friends will be interest-
ed in the announcement of the mar-
riage of Miss Susie Griffin Daniels, of



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It has recently come to our notice that a number of unscrupulous mattress manufacturers are trying to run in their inferior goods on the reputation of our Red Cross Sanitary Felt Mattress. They have imitated the pattern of our special tick with an inferior quality of tick, and are trying to imitate our mattress with inferior stuff. These alleged manufacturers are monkeys, not men; and while we do not fear their competition, we think it our duty to warn the trade and public against their monkey tricks.

Insist on the RED CROSS Label

Accept no other—it guarantees quality and comfort.
The Red Cross Mattress is made of eight great layers of hand-selected sheets of pure, sanitized cotton felt, free from dirt and animal matter. It is soft, elastic and durable, will not get lumpy or harden, and lasts a life time. It is non-absorbent, vermin-proof, has a smooth, even surface, and will conform to the body, insuring comfortable rest. The workmanship shows skill and thoroughness—over a thousand stitches around the edges assures service, prevents stretching and losing shape.

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4 " 0 " x 6 " 4 " 40 pounds	-	-	13.75
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Goldsboro, and Dr. George E. Chinn, a well known young physician of Norfolk, which occurred on Wednesday afternoon in the Virginia city. Rev. J. E. Thacker, of the Second Presbyterian Church, officiating. The wedding took place at the parsonage on Dunmore street and was witnessed by only a few friends and relatives. Mr. Henry Bowden was best man and the bride's only attendant was her sister, Mrs. Ferguson, matron of honor. After the wedding the bride and groom left for a bridal trip North. They will be at home to friends after the first of January at the Colonial Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Flagler are now spending the winter in Florida and Mr. Flagler is taking the occasion to visit and inspect his giant railway project in the building of the Florida East Coast Railway. Dr. John

Anderson and Dr. Owen H. Kenan are of the party and after making a tour of the railroad, going by boat as far as Key West, they returned delighted with the progress of the work. This was Mr. Flagler's first visit over the extension since early last Summer. The party returned to Miami the last of the week and remained a few days, when they returned to St. Augustine. Mr. and Mrs. Flagler are both enjoying the best of health and neither have lost any of their enthusiasm over building the extension of the Florida East Coast Railway to Key West.

During the past week the trains have been crowded with students from the various colleges and boarding schools, returning to their homes to spend the Yuletide season, among those being: Mr. Marion Harris, and Mr. Robert Strange, Jr., University of

the South, Sewanee, Tenn., Mr. Alex. Sprunt, Davidson College, Messrs. Henry Heyer, Thomas Wood, Earl Crosswell, Lewis Belden and Mr. Tooley, who is in the Law Department from the University of North Carolina. Messrs. Herbert Latimer, Emile Latimer, and Lawrence Sprunt, Princeton, Misses Sue Prince, Marguerite Short, and Eleanor Gilchrist, Gunston Institute, Washington, D. C., Miss Lina DeRosset, Peabody Institute, Miss Belle Heyer, Hollins Institute, Virginia, Miss Delamar Burbank, St. Mary's School, Miss Janie Meares, Facfern, Shelby, N. C., and Miss Nora Corbett, Mount de Salles, Miss Elise Kidder, Madame LeFreve's and Mr. George Kidder, Mr. John S. Armstrong, Mr. Robert W. Strange, Bingham.

The marriage of Miss Annie Damron Moore, the attractive young daughter

of Mr. James Henry Moore, and Rev. William Pinckney Martin Currie, in the Presbyterian Church at Burgaw, N. C., of which the groom is pastor, was an event of great interest for the large number of friends of those two popular young people on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. The church was attractively decorated for the occasion and was thronged with friends and relatives of the contracting parties, several of whom went from Wilmington. The ceremony was impressively performed by the Rev. Robert Murphy Williams, pastor of Walker Avenue Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, and a college mate of the groom. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom received the best wishes of their many friends at a reception at the home of the

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A Christmas Assembly Of Cousins

By ALICE LOUISE LEE.

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THE prospect of spending Christmas eve and part of Christmas day at "the hospitable Pines" in Bixby was not especially pleasing to me; but, since cousins of the Welch persuasion are few and far between, I did not feel justified in refusing Cousin Clara's invitation. Besides that, Bixby was only a few miles distant from Mayville, where I expected to put in a more or less painful season Christmas evening.

Therefore I wrote Clara that I'd arrive on the 5:30 train Christmas eve and remain with her until 4 o'clock the following afternoon. In this connection I mentioned neither my destination after 4 o'clock nor any prospective delight there.

Truth to tell, in my thoughts I was leaving that evening call as far as possible in the keeping of Providence, realizing from past experiences that the atmosphere of Mayville had a curiously uninviting effect on me. The only preparation I had made was to secure a Christmas offering in the shape of a very small gold band carrying a handsome diamond and engraved inside with the (to me) musical name "Rey Day."

"But whether it will ever see the rays of day," I said aloud, grimly punning as I stuffed the tiny box into my pocket, "remains to be seen, as she must take with it such a big blunderer as myself. Oh, for a slice of Harold's assurance!" I added, catching up my umbrella and running for the street car.

Harold Welch was my cousin and the "other man in the case." I did not love my cousin, but then we were even there.

"I wonder," I thought as I raced across the platform and sprang on the already moving express, "if Clara has invited Harold?"

Ten minutes later my question was answered in the person of that gentleman himself strolling leisurely down the aisle of the smoker.

"What a deucedly well set up fellow!" said a man behind me to his seat mate. "Looks as if he had walked out of a handbox, doesn't he?"

Harold's appearance was always of the handbox type, but I well knew that his actions were not always, and Miss Day—

"Hello, Rob!" he cried, surprised, but not any better pleased than myself at the meeting. "Going down to Clara's?" I emerged from behind my newspaper long enough to nod. "Yes. Are you?"

He did not reply at once. He was taking my measure, as usual, with an air of quizzical, galling amusement. The cad has a way of making me realize my inconvenient length, the inferiority of my tailor and the cowl that adorns the right side of my hair. His eyes wandered upward to the rack over the seat and lodged on my high hat, the first I had ever indulged in, while over his face spread a grin which made comments needless.

Then he replied carelessly: "Oh, yes, I shall get around to the Pines on the 10 o'clock train in the morning. Please tell Cousin Clara, will you, and give her my regards? Tonight—he threw the chill inducing remark at me over his shoulder as he moved away—"I go on to Mayville."

Mayville! The blood pounded at my temples and burned my face. "It's all up with me," was my solemn thought as I searched my pockets for my match case. My fingers encountered the tiny jeweler's box. Ruefully I pressed it—poor useless little trinket—and looked out of the window at the weather.

I could not have looked at anything less calculated to impart consolation. There was a storm on, a driving storm of sleet, rain and snow, with a heavy leaden sky overhead and shoe deep mud underfoot, the outer world, especially that part of it containing Bixby, being an exact counterpart to my feelings.

I had never seen Bixby before, and I think one view would satisfy any reasonable person. It consists of a small unpainted station set down unprotected in the midst of the river flats, tempting all the winds of heaven, and I discovered the moment I had set foot on the platform that none of the winds was resisting temptation. An infant cyclone wound the tails of my long coat firmly around my knees and forced me to hang on to my tall hat with a death grip, all of which graceful maneuvering Harold was viewing with relish from a window of the rear car.

As the train rushed on down the valley I whirled around and around to liberate my legs from the embrace of my coat tails, at the same time viewing the nearby landscape in search of proper means of locomotion to the Pines. Saving my own patent leather shoes, none was in sight.

From the station a road wound back among the foothills garbed in gaunt, sighing pines, which concealed any signs of the hospitality underscored in Clara's note. It was certainly the most unpromising looking landscape ever viewed under the wings of night.

"Well, I'll be hanged!" I ejaculated in exasperation.

"It seems to suit ye better to be blown," came a voice from the doorway, where I discovered the station factotum shedding the light of his grinning countenance on my gloom.

Just then, beguiled by a treacherous lull in the storm, I removed my anchoring hand from my hat and raised my umbrella, still straining my eyes up the road. "Where in thunder—" I began, but got no further. Down swooped the wind and, with an exultant howl, tore my unanchored hat from my head and tossed it over the river bank, at the same time turning my silk umbrella inside out with an ominous snapping of the slender ribs.

The station agent backed into the room. "Better come inside," he suggested affably, "before your hair gets tired of hangin' on to your head."

"Well, I am in a predicament!" I exclaimed, acting on his advice and looking around the little station in search of my baggage, sent on an earlier train. "Must have gone on," said the agent, seating himself on one corner of the table which contained the telegraph instruments. "Ain't none been toted in here today. I'll telegraph for it," he added consolingly, "and you'll likely get it back in the course of a couple of days."

In view of the next evening that was indeed the consolation of Job's comforters. "Two days!" I exclaimed, horror stricken. "See here! I've got to have it by tomorrow afternoon."

The agent grinned, taking uncomfortably accurate measure of me. "Mum, I understand," he mused, kicking the table leg. "Girl in the case. Don't know where you'll find any girl in Bixby, except," meditatively, "at the Pines."

Girls at the Pines! Involuntarily my hand sought my mop of wind disheveled hair, seeing which the agent grinned and resumed, "Hired girls they be, but that Betty's a beauty."

"I am a cousin of Mrs. Smith," I began, with dignity. "She wrote me she would meet me at the station."

The agent shook his head. "She can't be in two places at once."

"What do you know about it?" I demanded.

"She went across the river this afternoon to Mayville and ain't got back yet. Roads are awfully heavy. Guess you'll have to hoof it up the hill."

"Something of a foregone conclusion, that is," I returned grimly, shivering as a fresh outbreak of storm shook the station.

Suddenly a sheepish grin overspread the agent's face. He arose and opened a door behind him, speaking without looking back: "See here, now, I'll tog



"NOW," HE DIRECTED, "JUST FOLLOW YOUR NOSE UP THE ROAD A SPELL."

you out to get up there if you'll promise to speak a good word to Betty for me—sort of recommend me, you know. Whenever I see 'er myself my tongue gets into such a darned mixup with my teeth that I can't get a word out."

I looked eagerly over his head into the closet. "Recommend you to Betty? Well, that I will—you can bank on that—if you'll get me out of this hole."

He did his best, but the results were certainly not gratifying to my vanity, the agent running mainly to breath, while I run to height. His rusty derby encountered the tops of my ears, while his raincoat missed the skirts of my topcoat by a good foot, and his rubber boots, inside of which my trousers were tucked, rubbed up and down on my heels with maddening persistence.

Stuffing my shoes into the raincoat pockets, I grappled with the agent's enormous cotton umbrella, calculated, as he observed with pride, to keep a ten acre lot dry under a cloudburst.

"Now," he directed succinctly from the door, "just follow your nose up the road a spell till you come to a lot of lights. That's the Pines. Go in and hang them boots over the kitchen fire to dry out while you tell Betty that I send a merry Christmas and would be darned glad to send her something more if I dared."

I promised and started out on a road beset by as many difficulties as ever encountered Bunyan's Christian. In that wind my great umbrella acted like the sail to a rudderless ship. It toppled me into a mudhole one moment and tumbled me over a projecting stone the next, the ballasting boots being at no time able to keep in line with my head. Moreover, I discovered presently that the statement concerning the ten acre lot was pure fiction, the umbrella containing as many holes as the agent's conscience.

Also I discovered after a half hour's tramp that the Pines did not contain a "lot of lights." There was only one visible, and that but a faint glow in the rear of the gabled porticoed pile which loomed up before me, shuttered and dark, just as I had proved beyond a doubt that the curious sucking sound which arose at every step came from water inside rather than outside those boots.

"A pretty reception this to give an invited guest," I muttered wrathfully, thinking of Harold, well groomed, dry and comfortable, by this time in Mayville and—perish the thought—taking dinner, it might be, with the Days!

Jerking the gate open with unnecessary vigor, I sought the kitchen by way of the back walk and an invisible wire clothesline. This instrument of mutilation took me on the point of the chin, knocking my teeth shut before I could remove my tongue to a place of safety and, scraping backward violently, came to rest against my Adam's apple. When I had righted myself and made sundry remarks appropriate to the clothesline and soothing to my wounded feelings I stumbled up the back steps and applied my knuckles to the door with a force which evidently startled the inmates of the kitchen.

For an instant silence greeted my demand for a hearing; then a hearty voice with a Hibernian accent arose from within: "And sure, me darlin', ye needn't be afraid to open th' door. Bedad, with th' hammer I'll attend to his case!"

Some one approached the door, and a faint and tremulous voice asked, "W—who is it?"

A blast of snow laden wind whirled up under the cotton umbrella, boxing my numbed ears and plastering a soft application on the nape of my neck.

"I am Mrs. Smith's cousin!" I shouted.

"Arrah he is, is he?" cried the Hibernian voice. "Lave him give th' color of his hair, thin!"

The other voice was uplifted in the strange inquiry, preferred in weak tones, "What is the color of your hair, please?"

Under ordinary circumstances instead of replying to such impertinence I would not have stood upon the order of my going, but with that storm assailing my back and the brim of the derby directing a gentle stream inside my collar I swallowed my ire and answered meekly, "Brownish, verging in to a golden red."

"Arrah," came Bridget's triumphant tones. "He ain't th' wan she's lookin' "

"I promise," I replied confidently.

The bolt was slipped back, the door opened, and I, furling my huge umbrella, stepped inside, the mud dripping from my coat and a drop of blood falling from my scraped chin.

I certainly presented a strange appearance, but no stranger than the scene into which I had projected myself. In the middle of the room stood a scowling Bridget, her muscular arms bared to the elbows, a poker in one hand and a long handled hammer in the other. Peering over her shoulder was Betty, large eyed and trembling, but undeniably worthy of the agent's encomiums on her good looks.

I shut the door, backed up against it and removed the derby from my head respectfully, whereupon Bridget's severe face relaxed, and Betty, venturing from her refuge, demanded my credentials.

"The letter you promised to let us see," she faltered.

Laying the derby on the floor beside the umbrella, I began a prolonged search under the suspicious scrutiny of four sharp eyes. It was nervous work. My garments collectively boast thirty-five pockets, all more or less in-

her shoulder and challenged, "I don't believe a word of it."

"As surely as I sit here," I declared solemnly, "he intrusted a message to me and made me promise to deliver it," and then I stopped.

Bridget came a step nearer. Betty bent forward eagerly. "Out with it!" commanded Bridget.

I hunched down comfortably in my chair and spread my hands over the hot stove. "Not one word more until morning," I declared firmly. "In the morning I'll tell you."

Bridget and Betty retired to a corner and consulted. Bridget's face began to turn in my direction still. Fragments of the conclusion reached me—"The barn—sleigh robes—till they come home!"

It was Betty who explained the connection between these incoherent remarks, and it was evidently Betty who had persuaded Bridget to harbor me on the premises if I would submit to the conditions—namely, leave the stolen goods with her and Bridget, betake myself to the barn, desist while there from smoking and be quiet until Mrs. Smith should return and admit me to the house or not, as she wished.



"THE LETTER YOU PROMISED TO LET US SEE," SHE FALTERED.

habited by divers articles. After a fruitless inspection of twelve I became embarrassed. As I replaced the contents of the twentieth and no means of identification appeared a feeling of guilt stole over me. At the twenty-fifth Bridget flourished her hammer and scowled.

"Arrah, Betty, he's a liar! There ain't hide nor hair of th' letter on him, bedad!"

It was true, as the thirty-fifth pocket proved, but I would not give up. "You promised," began Betty, but I temporized, listening to the storm outside.

"If you will kindly allow me to dry my feet in the oven," I begged, an apprehensive eye on the hammer, "I'll go through my pockets again. I'm sure the note is with me."

Bridget, seeing my wholesome respect for her weapons, relented, and presently Betty presented me with a pair of socks, red, but dry, just as I had become aware of another calamity—only one of my shoes remained to me. The other had dropped through the bottomless raincoat pocket somewhere on the road.

Bridget grinned, evidently realizing my general dejection, and without stirring from her position in the middle of the floor kicked off one of her slippers frayed and down at the heel. "Take 'im that, me darlin'. A foine mate it'll be to his wan shiny shoe."

I received her contribution submissively and was stooping to put it on when an overloaded pocket seized the opportunity to disgorge two trim boxes, one long, one a tiny cube.

As they rolled over on the floor Betty pounced on them, and at once my character and dark mission stood revealed. "Mis' Smith's spoons," she shrieked, "the new ones that she had marked with her initials last week! Oh, Bridget, however did he break in?"

"The thief!" cried Bridget.

Now, those six spoons, solid silver, I purchased and had engraved that very morning as a Christmas gift for my ungrateful, inhospitable cousin, but neither Betty nor Bridget would listen to the truth concerning either the spoons or the ring which Betty next uncovered.

"Rey Day," she read in horror stricken tones, while Bridget, ever keeping a restraining eye on me, reiterated, "Oh, th' thief!" at the top of her voice. "Now, see here," I began, "listen to reason, will you?" But at that instant Bridget's gaze fell on the umbrella, and my last hope for mercy flickered and went out.

"Betty, me darlin', see th' umbrella," she howled. "It's Mis'ter Cross' sure, and this miserable thafe has made off with it from th' station."

Betty at once fell foul of the umbrella with blushing cheeks, while Bridget turned on me, taking a firmer grip on poker and hammer.

"Now, be gone, ye sphalpine! Ye lyin', thavin' scoundrel, show us the bottoms of yer boots directly."

"Alas," I returned without moving. "I have none to show, but I do have a message from this same Mr. Cross provided he's the station agent, to Miss Betty."

Betty blushed still more deeply, but tossed her head independently. After a moment, however, she glanced over

"If," as Bridget grimly added, "ye ain't legged it monny a mile away thinkin' of th' prison bars!"

I had given my promise; therefore I submitted and ambled forth in slapping slipper and patent leather shoe, while behind me came Bridget, fully armed, and beside her Betty holding the lantern, which cast my shadow immense and grotesque, with the old derby resting on my ears and the agent's raincoat flapping about me. At the last moment Betty had allowed me the protection of the agent's umbrella, "so long as it is his worst one," she explained to Bridget.

Betty unlocked the barn door and, rolling it back, pointed to a sleigh just inside the door. "There are robes in the sleigh," she said, "so you needn't freeze." Then she came quite close and spoke low, "And I hope you're not a thief and will be here in the morning."

"My mortal frame will certainly be here," I answered solemnly, climbing into the front seat of the sleigh, "but whether it will be in a limber or solidified condition only the morning will reveal."

The door was rolled back again, and I was left in darkness to wrap myself up as best I could in the fur robe, under whose warmth I laughed at the late unpleasantness. Finally I dozed off, with the comforting reflection that no one but Clara would know of my predicament and that I could get out-fitted some way on the morrow in time to fulfill my engagement in Mayville.

Alas for the best laid plans of mice and men! It was 10 o'clock perhaps when I was aroused by a confusion of sounds outside the door—voices, the crunching of wheels and loud laughter.

"Stolen spoons!" I heard in a familiar voice. "This is the richest joke I ever got on to. Now, show up the contents of the other box—the little one."

The little box! My hair arose under the derby. It was Harold's voice, and how in thunder—

Back rolled the door again, and in drove a closed carriage, the side lights blinding me. Following the vehicle came Betty and Bridget, the former tearful, the latter defiant, still lugging her hammer and poker.

"Merry Christmas, Rob!" roared Harold, dismounting from the carriage, immaculate, dry and uncreased. "Behold him, Clara, Bridget's tramp and thief!"

Hugging himself in glee, he proceeded to prance around the sleigh, viewing me on all sides, while the coachman, repressing bursts of unseemly mirth, watched me out of the tail of his eye.

Clara, laughing hysterically and clutching the spoons in one hand, gave me the other, explaining as best she could between her convulsions of merriment: "We stopped at the house, and the girls told us of your plight. Oh, I'm so sorry, but I had to go to Mayville, and there I found Harold and brought him back with—"

The rest was lost on me, for slipping out of the vehicle, something held tightly in her hand, was Rey Day. For one awful moment I prayed the floor to open beneath me, for no man would willingly appear ridiculous before the one woman in the world. But suddenly Rey raised her eyes to mine unsmilingly, but with an expression in them

that caused me to dash aside the robe which still hugged me and rise, light hearted, to the occasion and my feet.

Taking off my derby, I made a sweeping bow. "I regret, Cousin Clara and Miss Day, that I can't receive you in the orthodox evening clothes, but you can see for yourselves that such garments as I have on are ample enough to entitle them to be called full dress!"

With that I stood forth to view on the floor. As I turned slowly, flapping Bridget's slipper, mud begrimed and dragged, my brow eclipsed by the agent's hat, everybody was convulsed, even Bridget.

"Arrah, now, Mis' Smith," she cried, "and who would ever take such a look-in' mon to be a cousin of yer own!"

"You did just right, Bridget, not to take him in," gasped Clara. "You see, Rob, I expected Eben would come during my absence, and I told the girls they would know him by his white hair. But I expected to get back with Rey before you came. Eben didn't come, and the girls know better than to admit a strange man after dark since the robberies up the river."

"Especially such a looking villain as that!" cried Harold. "I tell you, Miss Day, Rob didn't look like that on the train. He was got up regardless of cost or his relatives' feelings. But that was before he took to stealing umbrellas and spoons, and, by the way—he turned abruptly on Rey—'what plunder did Betty hand over to you? Has Rob stolen anything of yours?'"

Rey smiled and glanced at me uncertainly, but her fingers did not relax their hold on the little box. Meeting my eyes, her own fell, and the color swept up over her round cheeks.

"Yes," she replied demurely, "I fear he has."

Harold glanced from one to the other of us suspiciously, but just then Clara claimed his attention, while Betty motioned me back among the shadows.

"He was awful anxious to see into the little box," she whispered, "but I looked out that he didn't. I give it right to her." And in the same breath Betty claimed her reward by adding, "Can't you give me the message tonight, sir?"

I certainly could and did. In my exuberance of spirits that station agent got his pay in full then and there for his outfit. My hearty recommendation even overlooked the fact that both boots and umbrella leaked.

When Betty retired, blushing, I found Rey at my elbow, while Clara, at the back of the carriage, began loading packages into Harold's arms.

Without glancing up, Rey held the little box out to me. "It's yours," she whispered. "Take it."

Willfully misunderstanding her I boldly took possession of the hand, box and all. "Thank you—dear—it's a Christmas gift which I value above rubies."

"Oh, no, no!" she faltered. "I didn't mean—I meant the r—box."

But she did not withdraw her hand, and Harold, glancing around just then, let a package slip from his arms. It reached the floor with a crash.

"Oh, you careless stupid!" cried Clara. "Your last hope of a Christmas gift is shattered."

"So I see," responded Harold, with unnecessary and grim emphasis.

TO THE BEACH Suburban Schedule

(In Effect Sunday, Oct. 13th, 1907.) Daily Except Sunday.

Wilmington Eastbound	Wrightsville Westbound	Beach Westbound
7:00 A.M.	6:25 A.M.	
7:30 A.M.	7:55 A.M.	7:45 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:25 A.M.	8:15 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:15 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	10:45 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:15 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	1:45 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:25 P.M.	3:15 P.M.
4:00 P.M.	4:25 P.M.	4:15 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:15 P.M.
6:15 P.M.	6:25 P.M.	6:15 P.M.
7:00 P.M.	7:25 P.M.	7:15 P.M.
8:00 P.M.	7:55 P.M.	7:45 P.M.
9:30 P.M.	8:55 P.M.	8:45 P.M.
11:00 P.M.	10:25 P.M.	10:15 P.M.

Freight Schedule

Leave Wilmington 4:00 P. M. (daily except Sunday). Freight received at Ninth and Orange from 3 to 4 P. M.

CAROLINA PLACE SCHEDULE
Cars will be operated between Front and Princess and Seventeenth and Market every 20 minutes. Leaving Front and Princess at 6:55 A. M. until 9:55 P. M.

Leaving Seventeenth and Market from 7:05 A. M. until 10:05 P. M. All Suburban cars will make regular stops at Delgado.

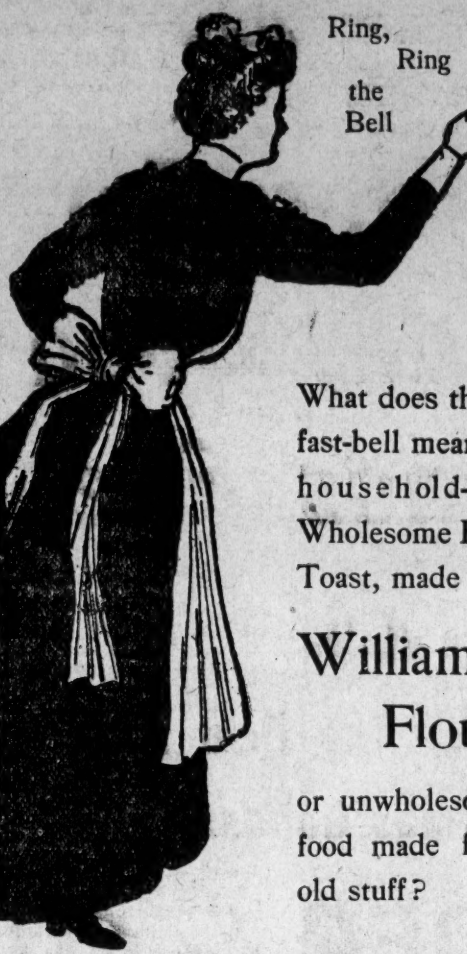
SUNDAY SCHEDULE.

Wilmington Eastbound	Wrightsville Westbound	Beach Westbound
9:00 A.M.		
10:00 A.M.	9:55 A.M.	9:45 A.M.
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11:00 P.M.	10:25 P.M.	10:15 P.M.

Carolina Place Schedule.

(Sundays)
Leave Front and Princess streets every 20 minutes from 8:35 A. M. to 9:55 P. M.
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bride's father and they left on the northbound Atlantic Coast Line train for a bridal tour North, returning from which they will be at home in Bur-gaw, where both are very popular.

Mr. George West, of Newton, N. C., is in the city for the holidays, and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. McL. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wilson, and their infant son, of Haverford, Pa., are in the city, and are the guests of Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. McL. Green.

Mr. Ben Harrison, who for some time past has been living in Oregon, has returned to the city, and is being heartily welcomed by his many friends in his old home.

Miss Lena Wiggins, who has been instructing a class in English at Reidsville, has returned to the city for the holidays and is being warmly greeted by her many friends here.

After a very pleasant visit to New York City, Mrs. Julia Harrison and daughter, Miss Julia Harrison, have returned to their home, much to the delight of their many friends.

Paymaster S. Legare Bethea, U. S. N., recently detached from the Naval Station, Culebra, Porto Rico, was in the city on Thursday, the guests of Mrs. A. W. Reiger, at the Carolina Apartment House.

Miss Elizabeth Reiger will leave Monday night to spend the holidays in Washington, D. C., and to attend the Christmas Hop at the U. S. Naval Academy, where her brother, Midshipman A. W. Reiger, is a student.

The numerous friends of Mrs. William Rand Kenan, Mrs. Jessie Kenan Wise and Miss Sarah Kenan will regret to learn that they will be absent from the city during the holidays having left on Friday last to visit Mrs. Kenan's daughter, Mrs. Henry M. Flagler, in St. Augustine, Florida.

Mr. Herbert Bluententhal, Mr. Hal Boatwright, from the University of North Carolina, and Mr. Fred Polson, Davidson College, Mr. Sidney McDonald, A. & M., Messrs Victor and Isaac Grainger, Woodbury Forest, Va., and Misses Janet O'Neil, Katie Grainger and Cynthia Rountree, have returned to their homes to spend the holidays.

The following invitations were issued yesterday by the young ladies who are to give a Leap Year Ball on the first night of the New Year.

The Pleasure of Mr. —'s company is requested at the Leap Year Ball Masonic Temple, Dancing, January the first Nine o'clock.

PATRONESSES,
Mrs. Calder, Mrs. W. A. Dick, Mrs. Giles, Mrs. J. V. Grainger, Mrs. E. C. Holt, Mrs. Kidder, Mrs. Murchison, Mrs. Walter Parsley, Mrs. Rountree, Mrs. Sands, Mrs. James Sprunt, Mrs. Robert Strange.

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Mrs. E. VanB. Sands, Secretary.
This dance will be different from any that has ever been given in Wilmington before. There will be no assignments made until after the dance opens, when the ladies, all masked, will be assigned to their partners, who will not wear masks. This will add zest to the dance, as the curiosity of each man will be thoroughly aroused to find out who the fair damsel is, with whom he is dancing. At a stipulated hour the ladies will remove their masks, and select the partners to whom they have assigned themselves.

A marriage which will be of much interest to Wilmington people was that of Miss Mary Leigh Robinson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Robinson of Elizabeth City, to Mr. Alexander Stephen Hanes, of Winston-Salem, which took place in Elizabeth City, on the 18th of this month. Miss Robinson was a popular visitor on the Beach several summers ago, and has many friends in this city. The wedding took place at high noon, at Christ Episcopal Church, which was elaborately decorated with ferns, palms and chrysanthemums, and presented a scene of rare beauty. The groomsmen, who were Messrs. W. T. Old, James G. Hanes, George Hodgins, W. T. Hill, Jr., and Charles O. Robinson, preceded the party into the church. Immediately after came the bridesmaids, in couples, these being Misses Frank Hanes, Sarah Critz, of Winston-Salem, Miss Emmie Drewry, of Raleigh, Misses Mary McMullen, Rosalie Baxter, Pauline Sheep, of Elizabeth City. Immediately after the bridesmaids entered the maid-of-honor, Miss Eloise Robinson, sister of the bride. The bride was handsomely gowned in a dress of cream duchess satin with rose point lace and pearls (the gown having been worn by her mother on her wedding day) and carried a large bouquet of white orchids and lilies of the valley. The bride was given away by her father, and the groom was accompanied by his brother, Mr. Frederick M. Hanes, of Winston-Salem, as best man. After the ceremony a most elaborate wedding breakfast was given at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Hanes left on the 3:15 train for Palm Beach, Florida, where they will spend their honeymoon.

Prohibition and Taxes.

(From Jacksonville Times-Union)
Editor of the Times-Union—"The proof of the pudding is the eating thereof."

Prohibition experiences by personal contact are numerous and the results of same are no doubt governed by the point of view, like the opinions and predictions are in cases where a test has not yet been made.

In 1906 I paid \$13 taxes on certain property which I had good reason to believe could be sold for \$3,000 in a certain Georgia town that voted prohibition, and now, one year after the

experiment, my taxes on the same property are \$35.54, and while there, recently endeavored to sell it, but found that everyone was like myself. They were all willing to sell, but not to buy, although I offered it for \$1,250, I could not dispose of it. While discussing things generally with several of the citizens, some of whom voted prohibition, they did not deny that "blind tigers" existed in their town.

I do not want to knock the place by publishing the name of the town, but anyone can see my tax receipts for 1906 and 1907, and learn the name of the town for the asking, and at the same time I can name a few other places and show figures.

Admitting that if prohibition will create temperance where temperance now exists, it is far more desirable than words can express, but the actual test is too frequently a complete failure. I have traveled in hundreds of towns and cities in the past twelve years, and know what almost every traveling man knows: "That the dry towns that are tigerless are so few as to form an almost insignificant minority." We are loaded down with statistics by both sides but there are no statistics that can show how many blind tigers have taken the place of licensed saloons. Many well meaning prohibitionists have no knowledge whatever on this subject and in most cases are just as apt to be kept in ignorance of this as any dutiful police or municipal officer (for obvious reasons), but a man who will travel and visit these places that are now dry (?) will learn more than is written in books on the subject, and will soon become convinced that a dry town, an actual non-whiskey selling town, rarely exists. Keepers of tigers are not loath to inform the average stranger of his existence, often through the hotel porter or bell boy, because the stranger, even if opposed to the traffic, having no local interest and also no inclination to spend time as witness, etc., will not report cases of this kind, but if every patriotic prohibitionist came as close to this feature as I have, and in as many different places as I or any other traveling man has, it is possible that his conclusions will be that the actual practice of prohibition simmers down to blind tigers instead of saloons; poisonous spirits instead of whisky (beer being out of the question on account of its bulk)—and conscienceless tiger keepers. Instead of self-respecting and law-abiding saloonkeepers, and the taxpayer loses money.

I doubt if the prohibitionists will deny that the tigers are far worse for the drinker, drunkard, and also for the children than the legally conducted saloon, and if they only knew how badly they will be skinned in this trade, they would not trade. It's a question hard to prove, but I, for one, would like to know of a single dry city among all the prohibition cities in the United States today, with a population of, say, 15,000 or over, (the larger the city the more difficult to exclude them) that is entirely free from tigers. Court records or government license records and other sources of statistics will not give this information. Among all the discussions I have read or heard pro and con on the subject of prohibition, I cannot see how the crime of breaking prohibitory laws can be compared with, paralleled with or associated with any other crime from a standpoint of eventual suppression. In all fairness to official willingness and notwithstanding the vigilance of self-appointed reformers who may exist in the future, it appears to me that it must necessarily be accepted as a cold fact that prohibition laws will be broken in a greater or less degree by some people for all time to come, and the dangers of whiskey will be worse under prohibition with tigers than under the open and legally conducted saloon system, and I know that blind tigers exist and exist so plentifully that one is inclined to believe the report now current in Maine, that campaign funds being supplied the prohibition party come largely from the tiger keepers.

If we must suffer the losses in property values and increase in taxes and establish the "tiger system," with its back alleys and hidden entrances, its unprincipled dive keepers whose ranks are amply filled from the worst classes of moral derelicts, and lastly its entire lack of law regulation, where do we or the children benefit under the change?

I believe that if many of the well intentioned prohibition people would have a little more personal contact, experience and less statistics, their visions would change materially. I beg to add that neither I nor any relative of mine are interested in any way in the whiskey business, and my motives are purely along the lines of the duties of the citizen.

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J. W. Murchison & Co.	Hardware	109 N. Front
A. H. Benson	Grocer	924 So. 3rd
W. Munroe & Co.	Furniture	15-17 So. Front
R. A. Montgomery	Groceries & Meats	8th & Princess
Levi McMillan	Shoes, 2 stores	4th & Princess
C. W. Polvogt Co.	Dry Goods	123 N. Front
Rice & Claud	Furniture	607 N. Fourth
Chas. Richter	Grocer	928 N. Fourth
J. Shrien	Clothing	Front & Princess
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The Morning Star.

Sunday, December 22, 1907.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 22, 1907.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Saturday, December 21:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 40 degrees; 8 P. M., 44 degrees; maximum, 53 degrees; minimum, 39 degrees; mean, 46 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .01; rainfall for the month, 1.74.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Saturday 12 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Rain late Sunday, fresh possibly brisk northeast winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 22.

Sun Rises 7:08 A. M.
Sun Sets 4:49 P. M.
Day's Length 9 hrs. 41 min.
High water at Southport 9:17 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 11:47 A. M.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Dr. George F. Lucas, of Currie, is among the throngs of holiday shoppers in the city for Christmas buying.

Miss Bertha Wiggs has gone to Chadbourn to spend the holidays with her parents.

Messrs. Charles Hall and Dave Seifert are at home from the A. & A. College to spend the holidays.

Mr. J. J. Newton, of Watha, Pender county, was in the city last night making business calls.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer: "Miss Laura Well, of Wilmington is visiting Mrs. John Gorham on Green street."

Miss Goldie Stein is at home from school in Baltimore to spend the holidays and has as her guest, Miss Mildred Ashe, of Baltimore.

Miss Mary Baldwin Mitchell has returned from the State Normal at Greensboro to spend the holidays at home with friends and relatives.

Mr. Ben Cottle, one of the popular young Wilmingtonians at the University the past session studying pharmacy, is at home to spend the holidays.

Mr. C. F. Strossider, who is taking a medical course at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Md., arrived in the city last evening to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones and Miss Sadie Jones with a number of guests from the North are expected today and will spend the yuletide at Airline-on-the-Sound.

Miss Annette Morton, of Franklinton, and Miss Emma Morton, of Atlanta, arrived yesterday evening, to spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. P. C. Morton, No. 415 South Front street.

Miss Flora Fox, of Siler City, is here to spend the holidays as the guest of her friends, Misses Janie and Julia Culbreth, No. 313 North Second street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. King and little daughter, of Charlotte, have arrived and will spend the holidays in Wilmington the guests of friends and relatives.

Mr. E. W. Butcher, Jr., of Petersburg, Va., arrived last evening to join Mrs. Butcher and children, who are spending the holidays with Mrs. Butcher's parents, Dr. and Mrs. N. M. Culbreth, No. 313 North Second street.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Stockard returned last evening from their bridal tour through Florida and were most pleasantly greeted by their numerous friends in Wilmington. Returning from Florida they were guests for a few days of the groom's parents, Prof. and Mrs. Henry Jerome Stockard, of Pease Institute, Raleigh. They will be at home in this city at the residence of Mrs. Dixon Munds, No. 318 Ann street.

CAR LOAD OF JUGS.

Plenty of Receptacles for Christmas "Cheer" Arrived Yesterday.

If a "morning's nip" is absolutely essential to Christmas cheer with the convivial of our population and it is desired to carry the oil of joy home in any large quantities, there will be no lack of facilities with a number of dealers who yesterday received a solid car load of jugs. There were 6,000 "gallons" of these jugs, ranging in size from half a gallon to four gallons and they were unloaded from the car at foot of Princess street and distributed to the consignee as they sent vehicles for them there. An old resident who is not Puritanical in his views upon certain public questions passed along by the car yesterday afternoon and remarked that it was the most unmistakable sign of the Christmas holidays that he had seen yet. The jugs were principally all family size and of a very fine quality of crockeryware.

Wedding Monday Evening.

Announcement is made of the forthcoming marriage of Mr. J. W. West and Mrs. Kate Memory, which will take place on Monday evening at 8 o'clock in Bladen street M. E. church, the pastor, Rev. W. E. Hocutt officiating. Mr. and Mrs. West will be at home after the marriage at No. 510 North Sixth street. The groom is a popular employee of the Consolidated Company and there will be much interest at this announcement.

Taxes Must Be Paid.

Attention is called to the notice of Sheriff S. P. Cowan in another column. The delinquent list for advertisement is now being made up and costs are being added. Unless all amounts are settled at once the advertisement will be made with costs added and they will not be taken off as fair notice has been given time and again in the papers.

Cocoanut any quantities. Warren's Steam Bakery. 2t.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Stonewall Lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, will confer the first rank in amplified form Monday night. All Knights are invited to be present.

—License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Mr. George T. Smith, of Middle Sound, and Miss Lizzie Rhodes, a daughter of Mr. Thomas Rhodes, also of Middle Sound.

—License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Mr. Michael Jacobs a son of Mrs. Martha Jacobs, of Wilmington, and Miss Marietta Stokley, daughter of Mr. E. W. Stokley, of Myrtle Grove Sound.

—The Southern Barber Shop will be open Tuesday night until 11:30 o'clock on account of Christmas eve and until 10:30 o'clock Christmas morning. Patrons are requested to take note of these hours.

—British steamer Hillmere, which cleared yesterday for Bremen, carried 13,358 bales of cotton, valued at \$815,000 and consigned by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son.

—The Home Brewing Company, Wilmington branch, is sending to customers and friends a beautiful calendar for the New Year. The art design is "The American Beauty" from the original painting by Bryson and is very attractive.

—Deputy Sheriff A. T. Piver, who had the contract, yesterday delivered at the county jail twelve additional canvas hammocks for use of the prisoners incarcerated there. Thirty-six new ones were installed a month or two ago.

—There were no cases of interest before the Mayor yesterday. Dandy Johnson, charged with operating an unlicensed hack, was taxed with the costs. William Pearce, colored, firing a gun in the city limits, was fined \$5 and costs, and Sam Rivenbark, drunk, was let off with \$2.35.

—Carrie Green, Lizzie Shepard, Willie Smith and William Armstrong, all colored and arrested late Friday night by Deputy Sheriff A. T. Piver on Eleventh, between Castle and Queen streets, were each taxed with the costs in Justice Bornemann's court yesterday.

—One of the neatest and prettiest calendars for 1908 is that being sent out by Will Rehder, the florist. It is a beautifully colored paper mache reproduction of a basket of flowers and is both appropriate to the business it intends to represent and it is pretty as a room ornament.

—Friends of Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Ward, No. 17 Delgado, will sympathize with them in the death of their infant daughter, Augusta, aged seven months which occurred at 5 o'clock yesterday morning at the family home. The remains were taken on the afternoon train to Whiteville yesterday for interment.

—Rev. Thos. P. Noe, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, will be the special speaker at the men's meeting at the Boys' Brigade armory this afternoon at 5 o'clock. All men are invited to hear him. He is a most interesting and helpful speaker and takes a peculiar pride in the work of the young men of the community. He should be heard by a very large audience.

—Mr. P. Q. Moore has purchased from the Garrell estate and from the Cape Fear Chemical Works, owners of the "Unknown Factory" on Smith's Creek, eighteen acres of the valuable lands on the west side of the Castle Haynes road, from the Smith's Creek county bridge to Mr. Charles Dushan's place. The land is delightful for residence or for agricultural purposes. Mr. Moore has not yet decided what he will do with the tract.

—The young people of the city are asked not to forget the "Children's Hour" at the parish house of St. James on Friday afternoon of the coming week at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. Curtiss Arnall-North will be the reader and emphasis is laid on the fact that the hour is for all children, regardless of denomination, the change from the library to the parish house being on account of the library's being closed for inventory.

—Duke Kelly, 53 years of age, a colored carpenter, died suddenly Friday morning of heart trouble at his home, Sixth between Grace and Chestnut streets, where he lived alone. Persons passing the house heard groans inside and Health Inspector Chas. T. Shepard was notified. The officer went to the house, broke in the door and found the man dead. After the remains were viewed by Dr. C. D. Bell, the coroner, they were interred yesterday.

All Trains Are Late.

With the going into effect of the holiday rates on the railroads Friday the volume of travel at once jumped to giant proportions and the rush will continue until after the holidays. The bulk of the travel at the week's end is of students returning to their homes in various parts of the State. Last night all trains were from one to three hours late. On account of the great rush of holiday mails, the postoffice and express people were swamped and it was not until a late hour that the mails were distributed.

Fancy Pillow Tops, Germantown yarns, Peerless slipper soles, Children's bear skin suits, raincoats, Crawford shoes, at Rehder's, the Big Store, North Fourth street. 4t

Cars to the Beach. Today cars to the beach every half hour in the afternoon. **

Read Platt & Haar's ad today. **

LUMBERTON NEWS NOTES.

Holiday News of Busy Town—Business Changes—Social Items. (Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 21.—The Lumberton graded school closed yesterday for the holidays and those of the teachers who came from other places have gone home to spend their vacation with relatives.

The Waverly Hotel has changed management. Mr. Nun who has been in charge for the past year goes to the Maple Shade Inn at Maxton and Mr. Bichery, comes from South Carolina to take the Waverly.—Mr. A. M. Breece, a native of Lumberton but for some time residing in Georgia, has returned here and the first of the year will take charge of the company store at the National Cotton mills.—Mr. C. S. Garrell, for several years a resident of Wilmington, has moved his family to Lumberton from Marion, S. C. and will be associated with Mr. A. H. Hinds.—Mr. M. S. Turner, for some time with the Robesonian as collector and local reporter, has resigned and returned to his home at Chadbourn where he will engage in other business.—Most of the young people from this section who have been attending the different colleges of the State are at home for the holidays.—The sheriff of Colquitt county, Georgia, came to Lumberton this week and carried back with him a negro, wanted in that State for disposing of mortgaged property.—Christmas trade here is said to be very good all things considered.

Large numbers of turkeys have been brought to market during the past few days and in some instances have been carried back home because they would not bring the desired prices.—If unofficial reports are true, at least one man in this vicinity must anticipate a large Christmas as he is said to have received one day this week 46 quarts of liquor.—All passenger trains on this division of the Seaboard are now handling express and the business seems greater here than ever before.

Officers arrested a negro hobo on a freight train here a few night ago. His baggage consisted of eighteen pints of whiskey. He is spending the holidays in jail.—A few cases of mumps are reported in town. Supt. Sentelle, of the Graded schools, is among the number confined to their rooms with the disease.—The Sunday Schools of the Baptist and Presbyterian churches will have Christmas trees next week, that of the Baptists on Wednesday night and the Presbyterians on Thursday night.—The family of Rev. P. L. Kirton, former pastor of the Methodist church here, left yesterday morning for Roanoke, Va., where they will make their future home.—The Exposition car "Cuba on Wheels" will arrive here tonight over the Raleigh & Charleston and remain until Thursday.

Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Emory D. McNeill, of this place, their daughter, Miss Sallie McNeill, will be united in marriage to Mr. E. B. Edwards, a traveling salesman for Butler Brothers, of Raleigh. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the Baptist Church. Only a few friends will be present. The happy couple will leave on the 6:55 train for Latta, S. C., where they will spend the holidays with relatives of the groom.

The family of Rev. E. M. Hoyle, the new pastor of the Methodist church, arrived last night and went immediately to the church parsonage.—Mr. Thad W. Bullock, who has been spending some time with relatives at Troy, N. C., is expected to return home tonight.—Mr. Jeff Newberry, one of the oldest citizens of this section, died at the county home last Thursday night, and was buried there yesterday. He had been in bad health for some time and his death was no surprise. He had no relatives here.

A PRETTY SHOW WINDOW.

Mercer & Evans Company Strictly Up-to-Date With Fine Display.

The eye of the pedestrian along the north side of Princess street is most pleasantly assailed these holiday afternoons with an unusually attractive display of fine footwear in the show windows of the Mercer & Evans Company. The feature of the show window display is the famous Ralston shoe in several shapes, leathers and all sizes. The general scheme of the decorations is with holiday colors and attractive placards call attention to the contents of the window. It needs to be seen to be appreciated.

LIQUOR PRESCRIPTIONS.

The Way Prohibition Works in "Dry"

City of Greensboro, N. C. Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 20.—In its report to the court yesterday the grand jury called attention to the "abnormal amount of business being done in Greensboro by the drug stores in the sale of whiskey upon physicians' prescriptions, etc." "We forbear," the report concludes, "conveying the names of the physicians and parties in the hope that the next grand jury will not feel called upon to do so because of a discontinuation of the offense."

Fireworks at Rehder's, Fourth Street Bridge, Candycapps and Market Street store under Bonitz Hotel. 4t

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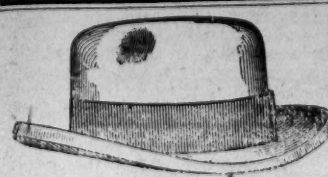
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"AUNT" CELIA OSBORN DEAD

Familiar Figure for Years on the Wharf—Died Yesterday.

"Aunt" Celia Osborn, for years a familiar figure in marine circles on the wharf where as a washerwoman she met every vessel arriving at the port and solicited the laundry work of the master and crew, died yesterday at her home in this city, No. 409 South Seventh street, aged 73 years. "Aunt" Celia, as she was affectionately known by all, had been in poor health for some months with asthma, but until the last she was up and about and was cheerful and bright in spite of her affliction. She was a fine type of the old Southern colored "mammy" and was apparently more at ease with the "white folks," as she was wont to call them, than with people of her own race. She passed away about 9 o'clock yesterday morning and on the wharf the news of her death was received with sincere sorrow. She leaves a daughter in New York and one son, Frank Wilkerson, a deck hand on the steamer City of Fayetteville, both of whom were notified of their mother's death yesterday. They will come for the funeral which will probably be held today or tomorrow.

The death of "Aunt" Celia marks the passing of one whose kind is rapidly becoming too extinct among those of her race. Her death is genuinely mourned by numbers of white people, who have set about to see that she lacks nothing for a decent burial, her closing days having been made as happy as possible under the circumstances by Mr. C. D. Maffitt, the shipbroker and others interested in marine affairs at the port.

TO BE TRIED MONDAY

Oscar Johnson, Negro Who Slashed Throat of Young James Brockett.

It was announced at yesterday's session of the police court that James Brockett, the young white man who had his throat slashed almost from ear to ear at foot of Brunswick street by the negro Oscar Johnson last night two weeks ago, would be able to leave the hospital Monday. It is expected that Johnson will be given preliminary trial before the Mayor at noon on that day. Since the cutting he has been in the lock-up without bond, pending the result of the wounds received at his hands by young Brockett. For several days it was thought that he would die, but now he is out of danger and will be able to appear against the negro this week.

The circumstances of the cutting are well known. Young Brockett had been employed by the negro with the unloading of a car of coal on the wharf the day before he was slashed at night. He said soon after being removed to the hospital that Johnson borrowed the knife from him, then demanded his money and when he ran his hands in his pockets, the negro slashed him, thinking perhaps that he was reaching for some weapon with which to defend himself. Later the police found the negro's coat in the bottom of his trunk in Brooks' alley and the sleeve of it bore on the inside unmistakable signs of human blood. Johnson has a rather bad reputation and there appears to be no doubt but that he will be bound over to the higher court under a bond that will ensure his presence for trial.

THE FIREWORKS ORDINANCE.

"Open Season" Will Not Begin Until Tuesday of This Week.

Chief of Police N. J. Williams, by direction of the Mayor, yesterday gave notice that the ordinance regulating the explosion of fireworks in the public streets will be rigidly enforced as far as the officers are able to do so until Tuesday before Christmas on Wednesday when, according to custom, the ordinance will be suspended until after New Year's Day. The ordinance prohibits at all times the use of any fireworks west of Front street but between the days named they may be exploded east of Front street if not beyond the regulation size. The Mayor has advised that cannon crackers much above the size allowed by the ordinance are being offered for sale by some of the dealers as well as cap pistols carrying dynamite caps, so prolific of tetanus. He has directed that the officers arrest every person exploding fireworks beyond the size prescribed and every dealer offering for sale any toy pistol carrying one of the dynamite caps or cartridges. He is not going to screw the lid down tight for the holidays, but the public safety must be safeguarded and he makes these announcements in plenty of time.

Five arrests were made last night for using fireworks down town before the suspension of the ordinance.

MR. JESSE WEST WEDS.

Claims Miss Aline Penney as Bride at Florence, S. C.

Many friends in Wilmington will be interested in the announcement of the marriage of Mr. Jesse West, a popular young Wilmingtonian, and Miss Aline Penney, also of this city. They were married in Florence, S. C., Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the rectory of St. John's Episcopal Church, the Rev. Dr. Thomas officiating. The wedding came as a great surprise to many friends in Wilmington who had not been taken into the confidence of the young people. They returned to the city on the late train and received happiest felicitations upon the happy event in their lives. They will live at 312 Harnett street where they are at home to their friends.

Merely a Smoking Furnace.

The alarm of fire from box 26, Third and Red Cross streets, yesterday afternoon at 2:20 o'clock was the result of some one passing and becoming alarmed at a smoking furnace at St. John's Church. The firemen responded to the alarm quickly but there was no other than that in the troublesome furnace which was repaired.

Cars to the Beach.

Today cars to the beach every half hour in the afternoon.

Get your Christmas shoes and slippers at Peterson & Rulfs.

All kinds Christmas slippers at Peterson & Rulfs.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements By Wilmington Pastors for Pulpits Today.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Carolina Place: Services at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. Subject of lesson sermon "Christ Jesus." All are invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor; fourth Sunday in Advent; Services conducted by the pastor in the Luther Memorial Building, Sixth and Princess streets. German service at 11 A. M., English English service at 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Christmas services Wednesday morning at 11 A. M. Sunday School festival service 5 P. M. A cordial invitation to all.

St. James' Episcopal Church: Holy Communion at 7:45 A. M. Morning Prayer and sermon at 11 A. M. Children's Christmas service at 4 P. M. All are invited.

St. John's Church: 11 A. M. Morning Prayer with sermon. 5 P. M. Evening Prayer. Sunday School at 4 P. M. W. E. Cox, rector.

Church of the Good Shepherd, corner Sixth and Queen streets: Morning prayer and sermon at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Evening Prayer and sermon at 7:30 P. M. Seats free; strangers cordially invited to attend. Rev. Thos. P. Noe, rector.

Advent Christian Church, Sixth and Church streets, Elder J. T. Johnson, pastor, residence 610 South Second street: The order of services for Sunday will be as follows: Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Subject for morning, "Christian Privileges and Responsibilities." Subject for evening, "A Better Country." He brews 11:14:16. Prayer meeting at the church Tuesday evening, Willing Workers' Society meets Tuesday afternoon at the church at 3 o'clock. Mrs. R. P. McClammy president. The object of this society is to relieve the worthy destitute and visit the sick and afflicted, irrespective of denomination or faith. Sunday School at 3 P. M. W. J. Reaves, superintendent; H. G. Saunders, secretary. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody.

Trinity M. E. Church, South, corner Ninth and Market streets, Rev. W. L. Rexford, pastor; Preaching today at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 P. M. To all these services the public is cordially invited.

Church of Christ, Seventh and Orange streets, Rev. F. L. Davis pastor: Services as follows: Bible School at 10 A. M. Communion and preaching at 11. Christian Endeavorers at 6:45 and preaching at 7:30. Subject, "What the Birth of Jesus Has Meant to the World." Midweek prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday evening at 7:30. Teachers' Training Bible Class Friday evening at 7:30 at home of pastor 102 South Fifth.

Any one who cares to is invited to attend and join us in this class. The public in general is invited and will receive a cordial welcome at any time.

Grace M. E. Church, South, Rev. T. A. Smoot, pastor: Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. All are cordially invited.

Bladen Street M. E. Church, Rev. W. E. Hocutt, pastor: Services today at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. A cordial invitation to all to attend the services.

Brooklyn Baptist Church: Pastor C. F. Whitlock will preach this morning on "Right Ways of Observing Christmas," and tonight on "Why Man Will Be Shut Out of Heaven." Come to these services. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M.

WRECK ON SEABOARD

Twenty-one Cars Plunge Through Trestle Near Wadesboro.

The Seaboard Air Line train due here at 2:25 o'clock yesterday afternoon brought no passengers, mail or express beyond Hamlet. The cause was a wreck of a freight train on the long but comparatively low trestle over the bottoms of Pee Dee River between Wadesboro and Rockingham into which a westbound freight train crashed, precipitating twenty-one cars into the river with two locomotives. Fortunately no one was hurt but parties who came in on the train gave a graphic description of the collapse of the trestle, which has not been regarded as the safest on the line for some time. The following dispatch was received last night:

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 21.—A trestle four miles from Wadesboro, on the Seaboard Air Line collapsed this morning under the westbound freight train precipitating the train into the Pee Dee river. Twenty-one cars went into the river and also two engines. There were no casualties. The accident will cost the road \$50,000 and traffic cannot be resumed until Tuesday as the building of an entire new trestle is involved.

HIGH SCHOOL EXERCISES

North Carolina Day Programme There on Friday Morning.

"North Carolina Day" was appropriately observed at the Wilmington High School Friday morning by the pupils. After a brief address by the principal, Mr. J. B. Huff, the following programme was rendered:

"Early Life in North Carolina"—Emily Westbrook.

"Origin of the Scotch-Irish"—Vera Furlong.

"James K. Polk"—Lucille Riley.

"Cattle Ranch on the Cape Fear"—Lucille McLeod.

"Just Before Christmas"—Mary Owen Green.

"My Country 'Tis of Thee"—By the School.

Badly Mixed Up.

Abraham Brown, of W. W. Terton, N. Y., had a very remarkable experience, he says: "Doctors got badly mixed up over me; one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me; so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed to cure blood poison, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by R. R. Bellamy, druggist, 59c.

WARM WIRELETS.

The condition of John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers of America remains about the same. He is confined to the room in the Claypool Hotel at Indianapolis. Dr. E. S. Hodges who is attending him says Mr. Mitchell's condition is serious but predicts that he will recover.

An additional and beautiful inscription is being cut on the Jefferson monument in Hollywood Cemetery at Richmond, it being the tribute of Margaret Howell Hayes, of Colorado Springs to her mother Varina Howell Davis, wife of the President of the Southern Confederacy.

Moses Ferris, wanted in Roanoke, Va., for the murder of Samuel Assaid, last Summer, has finally been delivered to a Roanoke detective at Buenos Ayres and the officer will sail with his prisoner on January 3. The officer has been in South America several months where many obstacles by friends of Ferris blocked the start home.

The first mortgage bondholders of the Southern Steel Company have formed a protective committee to cooperate in the rehabilitation of the company. The committee consists of James T. Woodward, R. B. VanCortlandt, Walter T. Rosen and F. Q. Brown of New York.

Bugler W. H. Cowardin, a Confederate Veteran who has served ever since the war and who blew taps over Jefferson Davis and Miss Davis, dropped dead yesterday in Richmond while marching in the funeral procession on way to bury Colonel W. E. Cuthaw a noted war officer.

FOR A SHIP SUBSIDY.

Big Meeting of the Merchant Marine League in Cleveland.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.) Cleveland, O., Dec. 21.—United States Senators, Congressmen and high government officials and representatives of many business interests gathered here today in the interest of a ship subsidy.

Harvey D. Goulder, President of the Merchant Marine League, under the auspices of which the convention was held, expressed the opinion that the meeting would not only have a good result, but the attendance and enthusiasm shown by the delegates from various parts of the country indicated that the general public was taking a greater interest in the subject of the merchant marine and a subsidy for seagoing craft.

The convention was in a degree the beginning of a campaign of education, but the greatest efforts of the league will be directed at Congress this winter, in the interests of the United States mail subsidy for ocean steamers.

It is estimated that the government will have to donate about \$200,000,000 to place the merchant marine in a position to successfully compete with the merchant marine of other nations, where subsidy exists.

It was asserted by the advocates of subsidy that the measure was not only of interest to the vessel owners but of direct benefit to every citizen of the United States and that the ships were entitled to this assistance as much as the rivers, harbors and railways.

The conference concluded with a banquet, which was a general love feast over the success of the League in its work so far. The star attractions at the banquet were Senator J. B. Foraker of Ohio, and Senator J. H. Gallinger, of New Hampshire.

LID IS OFF IN NEW YORK

Things Will be Going Along About as Usual Today.

New York, Dec. 21.—New York, having seen its last "Blue Sabbath," will return tomorrow to its accustomed mild Sunday entertainments and amusement which are now permitted under the new ordinance passed by the Board of Aldermen.

The interpretation of the blue law ordinance has been left entirely to the police by Police Commissioner Bingham, and all forms of entertainment will, therefore, be under the censorship of the police, who will determine whether a "monologue" is an address, or a "recitation," and pass upon other puzzling questions of the drama.

Police Commissioner Bingham said the ordinance was vague to him, and that he had put the whole matter in the hands of the inspectors for them to regulate. They will have to use their own judgment and common sense," said the commissioner.

"I don't like the idea of placing this discretionary power in the hands of police officials but there is no other course to take. The police said the theatrical people will have to get together and fix up a rule as to how far they can go."

CABINET OFFICERS ARE OFF

Postmaster General Meyer to Spend His Christmas in North Carolina.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Postmaster General Meyer will leave Washington tomorrow night, accompanied by his son, for North Carolina, where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

The Postmaster General and his son expect to do some shooting while away. They will be absent about a week.

Secretary Straus of the Department of Commerce and Labor, accompanied by Mrs. Straus, will leave tomorrow for their New York home, where they will pass the Christmas holidays. The Secretary expects to return to Washington the latter part of next week. In his absence Solicitor Charles Earl, of the Department will be Acting Secretary.

BIG REWARD OFFERED

Government is After the Slayer of J. W. Hendricks in Stokes County.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Department of Justice has offered a reward of \$1,000 each, for the arrest of "Jim" Smith and Oscar Syck and \$500 for the arrest of John Hill, who are suspected of the murder of Deputy Collector J. W. Hendricks in Stokes county, North Carolina, yesterday. A dispatch from Greensboro, N. C., received here, states that the three men are noted moonshiners and that Hendricks was making an effort to arrest them on a charge of illicit distilling when shot.

ONLY THIRTEEN RECOVERED.

Gas Prevents Rescue Work at the Jacobs Creek Mine.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.) Jacobs Creek, Pa., Dec. 21.—But thirteen bodies had been recovered from the Darr Mine when darkness came tonight, and all hope of reaching the others before tomorrow was abandoned. The rescue work progressed steadily and systematically all day, but was slow on account of heavy accumulation of gas, which necessitated more precaution in the work of exploration. The mine has been penetrated about 10,000 feet, but the slope is an old one and the workings are located nearly three miles from the surface.

In their endeavor to reach the victims several members of the rescuing party were seriously overcome late today by black damp. Their condition became so grave that physicians were rushed into the mine to render medical aid. Later the sickened rescuers were brought to the surface and taken to their homes. The scenes about the mines were of a more pathetic nature today. Apparently a full realization of the calamity had finally come to the relatives and residents of the surrounding vicinity.

Greater numbers congregated about the ill-fated mine and gave full sway to their feelings.

The thirteen bodies thus far recovered have been identified and will be buried tomorrow. All are badly mutilated and their identification was obtained only by clothing. The legs of another victim are at the temporary morgue, but up to late tonight the rest of the man's body could not be located.

Thousands of people are expected to visit the scene of the disaster tomorrow. A squad of Pennsylvania State police will be enforced by Coroner's deputies and it is not believed there will be any undue excitement or disorder.

Clarence Hall, the government geological expert of Washington, and S. M. Fowler, of Chicago, a United States mining engineer, arrived here today to make an investigation of the accident for the government.

Mine inspectors from surrounding states are also present and whenever conditions will permit, a thorough investigation of the explosion will be made in the hopes of reaching some plan whereby the frequency of the terrible occurrences can be eliminated.

Relief funds have been started in various towns surrounding this place and within a few days a permanent organization will be perfected to take care of the widows and children of the unfortunate miners.

WORD FROM THE FLEET.

Statement by Admiral Evans Regarding Return of the Battleships.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.) Charleston, S. C., Dec. 21.—The wireless station tonight picked up the battleship Connecticut and received the following message.

"U. S. S. Connecticut. From Wednesday to Thursday we have made 240 miles and are now 600 miles due east of Jupiter Inlet, Florida. Speed has been increased to 11 knots. Still in double column formation. Weather perfect. All hands in white dress."

"On board U. S. S. Connecticut, at sea, Dec. 21, via Government Wireless Station at Key West, Fla. To the Associated Press, New York; Rear Admiral Evans today authorized the statement for publication that he personally believes the Navy Department's present intentions are that the fleet shall return via the Suez route late next Summer or Fall."

TRIAL OF CALEB POWERS

Trying to Impeach The Testimony of Youtsey.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.) Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 21.—At the trial of Caleb Powers, for the murder of William Goebel, Colonel R. W. Nelson, formerly counsel for Henry Youtsey, today testified that in the presence of Colonel L. J. Crawford, he heard Youtsey say that he knew nobody connected with the assassination of Goebel. Youtsey made this statement in the Frankfort jail, witness said.

This testimony tends to impeach Youtsey, who has repeatedly testified to the part he says Powers took in the murder of Goebel.

Stuart B. Stone, former stenographer for Governor Taylor testified today that he was the first person who notified Taylor of the shooting and Taylor exclaimed: "My God that's awful."

REYNOLDS CREW SAFE.

Men on Wilmington Schooner Taken to Liverpool.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.) Liverpool, Dec. 21.—The British steamer Miguel deLarrea arrived here today with the captain and crew of seven men of the American schooner Gardiner B. Reynolds, who had been rescued from their sinking vessel in mid-Atlantic. The schooner was dismasted in a gale and became water-logged. The crew worked the pumps for several days, but had about given up hope when they were taken off by the Miguel de Larrea. The Gardiner B. Reynolds, Captain Parsons, was from Wilmington, N. C., for Portland, Maine. The steamer Caracas from New York for San Juan Porto Rico passed the Reynolds abandoned at sea on December 8th. Her decks were awash and only one mast was standing. The schooner was 397 tons.

Lady's tan shoes at Peterson & Rulfs.

Cars to the Beach.

Today cars to the beach every half hour in the afternoon.

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FOR SALE—Two suits black walnut furniture. Can be seen at 402, corner Second and Walnut streets. de 20 6t

WANTED—By couple with no children, two or three furnished rooms in central location for light housekeeping. Address T. H. F., care this paper. de 22 1t*

SAME NAME, Same location, Same business. Ice cream, fruits, candies, firework, oysters any style at Candy-capps. A. Mavronichols. de 22 1t*

J. C. CORBETT, Insurance man. Please give your address. Important. "H." care Star office. de 22-1t*

WANTED—At once a shingle machine. Give full particulars. Address "Cypress," Star office. de 22-1t*

WANTED FOR 1908—Experienced salesmen. Attractive line for retail trade. Worth \$300 monthly and better to producers. Position permanent to energetic and reliable men. Box 574, Dept. 42, Chicago, Ill. de 22 1t*

MRS. KNAPP will sell the remainder of her painted China at greatly reduced prices Monday and Tuesday. A chance for big bargains. Odd Fellows' building, Third and Princess. de 22-1t*

HOLLY, CEDAR, BAMBOO, Etc., for Christmas decorations. A large lighter load at Orange street dock. Xmas trees with floor stand, ready to set up from 50c up. All holly beautifully berried. de 22 2t

WANTED—Position by young man with experience in office work as bookkeeper or assistant or office clerk. References furnished. Address B., care Star office. de 21-2t*

\$27.50—A new house which rented for \$27.50 is offered for sale at \$2,500 cash. South Ninth street. No. 216. R. M. McIntire. de 21 2t

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WANTED—Young man who has had some experience in feeding job presses. Good opportunity to learn the trade. Address "Press" care Star office. de 20 1t

VISITING CARDS 50 cents per hundred. W. S. Mintz, Commercial and Society Printer, 11 and 13 Dock street. First class work guaranteed. de 21-1w

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED a full line of cigars, pipes, tobacco, and many other articles in our line for Christmas presents. Ladies wishing us to send out goods kindly call us up phone 77 and we will give all orders prompt attention. The Gerken Tobacco Company. de 18 6t

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Mount Airy, Dec. 20.—Jonah O'Neal, an employee of Samuel's livery stable in this place, was seriously bitten on the shoulder by a horse yesterday.

—Monroe Enquirer: Mr. J. C. Little, formerly of this county but now of the new State of Oklahoma, and a State Senator from his district, is on the following committee: Judiciary, Public service corporations, Education, Senate and Legislative affairs, Federal relations and Immigration.

—Salisbury, Dec. 21.—Harper & Dean, who have carried out their mammoth contract to do the excavation work at the great Whitney power plant, have completed the task and this week shipped over 100 miles, which they have used on the works, to St. Louis to be put on the market.

—Salisbury, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Lee S. Overman, wife of Senator Overman, has been invited by Mrs. Roosevelt to assist in a reception at the White House, New Year's, and is also the recipient of an invitation from Mrs. Fairbanks to assist in a reception. Mrs. Overman declines on account of being in mourning for her mother.

—Roper, Dec. 21.—Yesterday afternoon while Miss Neva Cahoon, one of our graded school teachers, was driving through West Roper, a suburb, where colored mill operators live, she found one of their homes burning and the mother and child outside wild with fright, having neglected to save the infant. Miss Cahoon rushed into the burning building and rescued the little negro babe just as the room fell in.

—Durham, Dec. 21.—An important meeting was held in East Durham last night, it being a meeting at which a law and order league was formed for that section. The move was put in motion by Rev. J. W. Downey, pastor of the Baptist church, and Rev. J. A. Dailey, pastor of the Carr Methodist church, and the avowed purpose of the meeting was to organize a law and order league to assist the officers in their efforts to put down the illegal sale of whiskey in that section. This was done.

—Charlotte Chronicle: Mason Smith, white, a man about 25 years of age, was arraigned this morning before Recorder Smith, on the charge of assaulting Chester Pegram, a newsboy, who runs on the Southern Railway, from Charlotte to Winston-Salem. He is now 14 years of age and this morning he strayed into Smith's store, from where he was ordered out. Chester did not move as fast as the proprietor wanted him to, so he slapped him. Chester said that Smith kicked him, and showed to the court an angry place on his hip, which he swore the man made.

—Winston-Salem, Dec. 21.—Sheriff Petree, of Stokes county, received notice a few days ago from an officer in Missouri instructing him to arrest a man by the name of Dave Jennings who is wanted in Missouri for raising a check. The Missouri officer stated in his letter that he had good reasons to believe that Jennings was in Stokes county. Sheriff Petree began a search at once and in a few hours captured Jennings at Pine Hall. He was placed in jail at Danbury to await the arrival of an officer from Missouri. Jennings is charged with raising a check from \$6.25 to \$61.25.

—Asheville, Dec. 21.—It is stated positively that the Murphy division of the Southern will not be abolished as rumored. The division will be maintained in future as in the past, as a separate division. It is said that the reason for putting it back into Asheville division is on account of the great pulp works at Canton. A gentleman here today said the Champion Fibre Company at that place would, it is expected, have every wheel turning in February and that the plant would grind 268 cords of wood daily or approximately thirty carloads.

—Raleigh News and Observer: Mr. J. H. Mann is the loser of \$66 which was yesterday morning about two o'clock taken from his trousers' pocket in his bedroom at his home on East street, by a daring burglar. The pants were within three feet of the bed in which Mr. Mann lay asleep and he awoke just in time to see some one crawling out of the window. Mr. Mann arose in a hurry and rushed to the front of the house, picking up a rock as he ran, but the burglar had gotten away. The police were notified and they sought for the robber, but failed to get him, and the \$66 is evidently gone.

—Elizabeth City, Dec. 20.—Fire broke out early yesterday morning on Shannon street and destroyed a house and store, occupied by negroes, and owned by T. A. Smith, of Roper. The fire started in the lower part of the house and before it was discovered by the occupants they were completely cut off all from exits. The negro, who occupied the house with his wife, child and another woman, had to jump to the ground from the second floor. The wife of the negro was badly hurt by the jump, but the others sustained no injuries. The baby was thrown from the second story window to some neighbors who had arrived on the scene and was caught and carried away in safety.

A Real Wonderland.

South Dakota, with its rich silver mines, banana farms, wide ranges and strange natural formations, is a veritable wonderland. At Mound City, in the home of Mrs. E. D. Clapp, a wonderful case of healing has lately occurred. Her son seemed near death with lung and throat trouble. "Exhausting coughing spells occurred every five minutes," writes Mrs. Clapp, "when I began giving Dr. King's New Discovery, the great medicine, that saved his life and completely cured him." Guaranteed for coughs and colds, throat and lung troubles, by R. R. Bellamy, druggist, 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle 10c.

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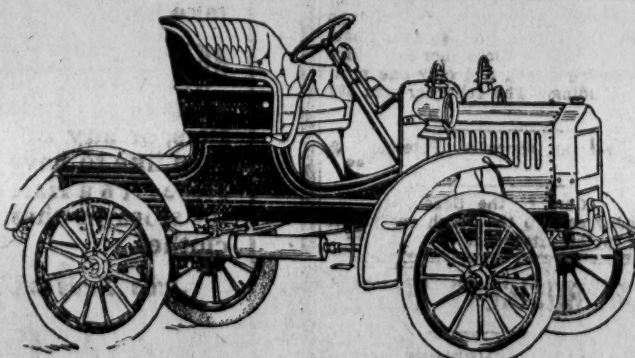
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STATEMENT

Report of the Condition of THE ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, at Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, at the Close of Business, December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$ 669,720.86
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,254 21
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	125,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits	50,000 00
Bonds, securities, etc.	149,100 00
Banking House Furniture and fixtures	20,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	117,316 74
Due from State Banks and bankers	70,916 15
Due from approved reserve agents	48,125 63
Checks and other cash items	907 46
Notes of other National Banks	15,485 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	2,518 58
Lawful Money Reserve in Specie	\$84,740 75
Legal tender notes	61,860 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	7,064 47
Total	\$1,424,009 85

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	125,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	92,062 33
National Bank notes outstanding	125,000 00
Due to other national Banks	66,119 03
Due to State Banks and Bankers	107,089 94
Dividends unpaid	873 00
Individual deposits subject to check	721,600 30
Certified checks	40 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	11,225 25
United States deposits	50,000 00
Total	\$1,424,009 85

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover.

I J. W. Yates, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. YATES, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 4th day of December, 1907.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

Correct Attest: D. McEACHERN, WM. E. WORTH, C. W. YATES, Directors.

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C. H. GATTIS, Traveling Passenger Agent, Raleigh, N. C.

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Report of the conditions of

THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK

Wilmington, N. C.

At the close of business December 3rd, 1907.

Resources:

Loans and Discounts	\$609,417 64
All other stocks, bonds and Mortgages	10,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,246 05
Cash on Hand and in Banks	110,136 21
Total	\$731,799 90

Liabilities:

Capital Stock	\$ 30,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	50,792 99
Dividends Unpaid	7.50
Deposits subject to check	\$511,257 46
Demand Certificates of Deposits	139,741 95
Total	\$731,799 90

I, F. W. Dick, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December, 1907.

C. S. GRAINGER, Notary Public.

Correct Attest: M. W. DIVINE, J. A. SPRINGER, H. C. McQUEEN, Directors.

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Schedule Steamer Atlantic

Effective September 1st.

Until further notice, Steamer Atlantic will leave Southport daily at 7:30 o'clock A. M. Leave Wilmington daily, except Sunday, at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

M. T. CRAIG, General Manager, Phone 764.

Atlantic Coast Line

Schedule in Effect November 17, 1907

NOTICE.

The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

No. 41.	No. 42.
Lv. Wilmington	9:40 am
Ar. Goldsboro	12:50 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	3:05 pm
Ar. Weldon	3:42 pm
Ar. Norfolk	8:30 pm
Ar. Wilson	1:58 pm
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm
Ar. Richmond	11:50 pm
Ar. Baltimore	1:43 am
Ar. Philadelphia	4:25 am
Ar. New York	7:23 am

SOUTHBOUND.

No. 41.	No. 42.
Lv. New York	9:25 am
Ar. Philadelphia	11:55 am
Ar. Baltimore	2:15 pm
Ar. Washington	3:45 pm
Lv. Norfolk	8:30 am
Lv. Richmond	7:25 pm
Ar. Petersburg	8:05 pm
Ar. Weldon	9:59 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	11:02 pm
Ar. Wilson	11:50 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	6:15 am
Ar. Wilmington	9:35 am

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wilm'n	6:15 am	3:35 pm
Ar. Flor.	9:05 am	7:30 pm
Ar. Col't	11:25 am	9:15 pm
Ar. Ch'n	1:10 pm	11:37 pm
Ar. Sav'n	6:55 pm	2:45 am
Ar. J'ville	9:00 am	2:30 pm
Ar. Tampa	7:15 pm	11:00 pm

NORTHBOUND.

Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa	9:00 am	10:30 am
Lv. Jacksonville	9:30 am	7:35 pm
Ar. Savannah	1:41 pm	11:59 pm
Lv. Charleston	6:12 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:24 pm	3:54 am
Ar. Wilmington	1:10 am	1:30 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

Westbound. Eastbound.

Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wilmington	8:40 am	8:15 pm
Lv. Fayetteville	12:10 pm	4:45 pm
Ar. Sanford	1:40 pm	3:40 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

North-bound.	South-bound.
Lv. Wilmington	8:20 pm
Ar. Newbern	7:00 pm
Lv. Newbern	9:25 am

Trains No. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Pennsylvania R. R. for all points east.

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By Rail and Water

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers now have a membership of 62,000; 53,746 are insured in the Engineers' Insurance association.

In August, 1831, the famous "John Bull" locomotive engine built in England by Stephenson for the Camden & Amboy railroad arrived at Bodentown, N. J.

Mr. C. G. Mills has been appointed road foreman of engines of the first division of the Atlantic Coast Line with headquarters at Rocky Mount, N. C. Mr. Mills had been an engineer on the A. C. L. for years previous to his promotion.

There are now in North America 232 Railway Young Men's Christian Associations, owning buildings worth \$3,000,000. Over 85,000 men are members. There are six club houses on the Isthmus of Panama that are being used by the men employed in the canal zone.

The number of Chinese coolies employed as laborers upon the railroads in Japan is growing. They each receive \$7.47 per month and board. Chinese laborers are employed upon the Union Pacific system in desolate places where Americans would hardly be content.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Virtually a complete transformation in the state railroad system is about to be introduced in Prussia. On all except main trunk lines automobile cars, which run singly, will replace locomotives drawing ordinary trains. Prolonged experiments have proved that such cars running on rails as at present hold possess immense economic advantages. Some hundreds of these passenger cars have been ordered, each provided with a 60-horse power motor.

Salisbury, N. C., Dec. 12.—The Southern Railway has adopted a novel detective scheme, whereby it is making uneasy those employees who are not teetotalers. Several days ago a stranger appeared in Salisbury with camera and an apparently unslakable thirst. He made frequent visits to the saloons of Salisbury, the only town along the main line of the railway in North Carolina where liquor selling is licensed. The stranger made frequent "exposures." Some days later a number of men received photos of themselves drinking over Salisbury bars. Inclosed with the pictures were pay checks and discharges.

The wages of boilermakers employed at the Seaboard Air Line Railway shops at Portsmouth, Va., have been increased from 32 to 33 cents an hour.

A new set of shop rules and regulations have been agreed upon by the officials of the road and the workmen of this trade all over the system. The increase of wages and change of shop rules are the result of a conference which has been going on for several days between Master Mechanic J. H. Pool and a committee representing the boilermakers. The new scale will be effective from the present month until next November.

Bonded employees of the Southern Railway Company have been pleased upon receipt of a generous circular addressed to the "Bonded Employees" in which it is stated that the Southern railway, beginning Jan. 1, 1908, would assume the premium on bonds of all employees who have been employed continuously for three or more years in bonded position. This simply means that in future the railway will pay the premiums instead of the employees. That portion of the circular referring to the company assuming the payment of premiums follows: "As a recognition of faithful services, the officers of the company have decided that beginning Jan. 1, 1908, the company will assume the premium on bonds of all employees who have been employed continuously for three or more years in bonded positions."

That the tourist travel to the South this season will be no lighter than usual is the opinion of two well known hotel men of Atlantic City, N. J. Mr. Charles R. Fyers, proprietor of the Hotel Rudolph, and Dr. J. R. Thompson, proprietor of Hotel Chelsea, who were in Savannah the past week and expressed their opinions in this way. They seem to think the season will be even better than last, notwithstanding the recent financial flurry. Their reasons for this belief is that the strain under which the rich are now laboring will make inroads upon their health and a decided rest will be ordered by the physicians. If this is true there is but one place for them to come, and it is the South.

The New York and Florida Special and the Chicago and Florida Limited, the two elegant trains operated between New York and Jacksonville and Chicago and Jacksonville during the tourist season by the Atlantic Coast Line, will be inaugurated on January 6 and 5 respectively. Officials of the road state the trains will be more palatial and the service in general more satisfactory than ever before. The New York and Florida Special will be lighted throughout with electricity, and the officials claim that this train will be the only one operated to and from Jacksonville that will have this improvement. This they state is not only an innovation

but a great convenience and comfort to the passengers, in that the cars are illuminated as if by day with a soft, mellow light that is especially easy on the eyes. This train will leave New York at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of January 6, and will arrive at Jacksonville on the following afternoon at 3:45 o'clock and St. Augustine one hour later, 4:45 o'clock.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

Appointments of Presiding Elder Cunningham for the District.

Quarterly Conferences of the Wilmington District will be held as follows:

Wilmington, Trinity Church December 22.

Wilmington, Fifth Street Church—December 22.

Southport—December 29, 30.

Waccamaw, Zion—January 4, 5.

Whiteville and Vineland—January 12, 13.

Shallotte, Union—January 16.

Town Creek, Zion—January 18, 19.

Columbus, Evergreen, morning—January 25, 26.

Chadbourn and Bolton—January 26, 27.

Magnolia, Trinity—February 1, 2.

New River, S. Ferry, night—February 6.

Jacksonville, Richlands—February 8, 9.

Carver's Creek, Council, night—February 11, 12.

Burgaw, Herrings—February 15, 16.

Clinton—February 23, 24.

Kanawville—February 29, March 1.

Onslow, Maysville—March 7, 8.

Scott's Hill, Union—March 14, 15.

Will the local papers within the bounds of the district do us the kindness to publish the above appointments. Very Respectfully,

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"Yes, he had some rare trouble with his eyes," said the celebrated oculist. "Every time he started to read he would read double." "Poor fellow," remarked the sympathetic person. "I suppose that interfered with his holding a good position?" "Not at all. The gas company gobbled him up and gave him a lucrative job reading gas meters."—Chicago Daily News.

"Don't be afraid," said the woman on the front step, "that dog likes strangers." "Yes, madam," answered Meandering Mike. "I do not question your assurance that he would like me. But do you refer to him as a seeker for companionship or as an epicure?"—Washington Star.

The Theatre

For the Yuletide season, embracing both Christmas and New Year's weeks, the Academy will offer three attractions that will cover all grades. The first, and the high class attraction, will be Mr. Creston Clarke, who will appear at the local theatre next Friday evening and will be seen in a superb production of "The Power That Governs."

Mr. Clarke this season, as before, is under the management of Mr. Jules Murry, who also directs the tours of Mr. Paul Gilmore. The present play in which Mr. Clarke and company are appearing is said to be the best yet given him, and by far better than "The Ragged Messenger" in which he was seen here last season.

Following Mr. Clarke and opening Monday night, Dec. 30th, will come the Williams Comedy Company, which will afford a fine popular price attraction. The company will play a week's engagement, save for New Year's day, when "Along the Kennebec," a pastoral comedy drama, will hold the boards at matinee and night.

The January attractions for the Academy include three very notable ones. These are "Buster Brown," which is said to be better this season than ever, having more tuneful music and more pretty girls; "The Lion and the Mouse," which is one of the most powerful dramas of the day and which enjoyed long runs in both New York and Chicago, just ending a second engagement in Gotham a week ago; and Sousa's band, the best musical organization of its kind on the road. "Buster's" date is January 25th; "The Lion and the Mouse" comes on the 20th, and Sousa's band the 16th.

Also during January the Willis' Musical Comedy Company, presenting musical comedies at popular prices, will play an engagement. The dates for this attraction are the 9th, 10th and 11th.

All the bookings for February and other months of the rest of the season have not as yet been completed and January's offering will also be augmented.

Creston Clarke—"The Power That Governs," a three-act drama by Adelaide Prince, is the new play in which Creston Clarke will be seen at the Academy on Friday night. The use of this piece as a vehicle for his talents represents one of the few ventures Mr. Clarke has made into the field of modern drama, but according to his own statement, the strength of the play itself and the attractiveness of the leading male role overbalanced his desire to return to Shakespearean repertoire. That part of the actor's personal following, which has had the opportunity of reviewing "The Power

That Governs," has unhesitatingly evidenced its appreciation of the new piece and of the star's work, in the part of Andrew Michael, known as "The Kid."

Williams Comedy Co.—The Rocky Mount Record of a recent date says: "The Williams Comedy Company closed a week's engagement in the local theatre Saturday night, and left for Durham Sunday. The company played to a good business at every performance and pleased the audiences. It is one of the best repertoire companies on the road and is very popular in Rocky Mount."

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(Continued From Last Sunday.)

CHAPTER VIII.

THE work on the mill was pushed, and in spite of the usual amount of unforeseen delays it was ready for business by the latter part of September. The official opening was set for the 27th, Miss Mattie's birthday, and the village of Fairfield was invited to a picnic to be held at the mill in honor of the occasion. It is needless to say that the Fairfield Strawboard Manufacturing company did the thing up in shape. Wagons loaded with straw and drawn by four horse teams went the rounds of the village collecting the guests. It is doubtful if Fairfield was ever more surprised than at the realization of how much there was of her, using the pronoun out of respect to the majority, "when she was bunched," as Red said. You would not have believed that struggling, lonesome looking place held so many people. As Red could discover no means in the town's resources to provide a meal for 300 people, it was necessarily a basket party, which struck Mr. Saunders as being grievously like a Swede treat. He made up for it in a measure by having barrels of lemonade and cider on tap at the grounds, stronger beverages being barred, and by hiring a quartet of strings "clear from town."

At half past 2 on a resplendent but hot September afternoon the caravan started for the mill grounds, the women dressed in the most unbecomingly costumes imaginable, and the men ostentatiously at ease in their store clothes. Every one was in the best of spirits, keen for the excitement and pleasure that was sure to mark the occasion.

Red rode old Buckskin, who had succumbed to the inevitable and only "jumped around a little," as Red put it, on being mounted. It was pretty lively "jumping around," but perhaps Mr. Saunders found some satisfaction in sitting perfectly at ease, smoking his cigarette, while Buck jumped and Fairfield admired. And, at any rate, Buck had legs of iron and the wind of a locomotive, carrying Red all day and willing to kick at anything which bothered him when night came. He was a splendid beast through and through, from forelock to tail tip, but he had learned who was his master and obeyed him accordingly.

It was a five mile ride, mostly under the shade of fine old trees. The road wound around the hills; here and there a break in the arboreal border showed views of rolling country, well shaped and pleasing, winding up grassy slopes in groves of verdure. Of course most of the freshness of leaf was past, yet the modest gray green gave a silvery sheen to the landscape that brought it into unity.

One member of the party felt that his heart was very full as he looked at it. That was Lettis. "Blast the old office!" he kept saying to himself. "Blast its six dingy windows and the clock at the end! Doesn't this look good, and doesn't it smell good, dust and all?" and then he'd howl at the horses in sheer exuberance of good feeling, making the mild old brutes put a better foot of it to the front.

Red cantered up beside his wagon. "Well, Lettis," he said, "here we go for the opening overture with the full strength of the company—we're great people this day, ain't we?" And the big man smiled like a pleased boy.

"Oh, what a bully old fellow you are!" thought Lettis as he looked at him. Lettis was thinking of other qualities than flesh, but the physical Red Saunders on horseback was deserving of a glance from anybody; the massive figure so well poised; the clear cut, proud profile; the shapely head with its crown of red gold hair; the easy grace of him by virtue of his strength—it would be a remarkable crowd in which Chanta Seechee Red couldn't pass for a man. He was every inch of that from the ground up.

Lettis had come to bow down to him in adoration, with all an affectionate boy's worship. To those eyes Red was just right in every particular; likewise to Miss Mattie, who even now was filling her eyes with him from behind the vantage of a broad brimmed straw hat.

At last the whole party disembarked at the flat before the mill and made ready for the official starting of the machinery. The big doors were thrown open, so that the company could see within while resting outside in the shade, and under the cooling influence of what breeze there was. The mill was officially started. Red climbed the bank to the flume and raised the gate. The crowd cheered as the imprisoned waters leaped to freedom with a hollow roar, raising in pitch as the penstock filled and the wheels began to go round. Speech was called for, and the vigorously protesting Red was forced to the front by his former friends, Demit and Lettis. Thus betrayed by those he trusted, Red made the best of it.

"Ladies and gentlemen, fellow citizens," said he, "the mill is now open to all comers. We hope to make this thing a success. We hope to see every horny handed, hump backed farmer in the country rosin the soles of his moccasins and shove his plow through twice as much ground as he ever did before, and if he comes here with his

plunder we'll give him a square shake. We'll pay him as much as we fast and not let him in on the ground floor, so he can crawl out through the coal hole, as is sometimes done. Now, everybody run away and have a good time, for I don't like to talk this yappi any more than you like to hear it. Kola geus! By-by!"

It was a very successful picnic. They spent the afternoon in wandering around in the usual picnic fashion, developing appetites, until it occurred to Red to liven the performance by showing them the art of roping as practiced upon an old cow found in the woods. As a spectacle it was a failure. The combined efforts of all the hooting small boys could not make that cow run. She even stretched her neck toward Red, as though saying: "Hurry up with your foolishness. I have a cud to chew and can't stand here idle all day." So Red golloped by and threw the noose over her head as an exhibition of how the thing was done rather than how it ought to be done. Nevertheless picnic parties are not hypercritical in the matter of amusement, and the feat received three encores. The last time he missed his cast through overconfidence, whereat the old cow tossed her head and tail in the air and tore off at an elephantine gallop, with a bawl that sounded to Red mightily like derision.

"Durned if she ain't laughing at me!" he cried. But as a matter of fact it was a hornet and its unmistakable sting that injected this activity into her system.

It was all very pleasant to Miss Mattie, as one's first picnic in many years should be. She enjoyed the crisp green sod, the great trees standing around, parklike, with the sunlight falling between their shade like brilliant tatters of cloth of gold, while from the near distance came the tiny shouting of cool waters. They had a camp fire at night, making the moonlight still more mysterious and remote by contrast. The quartet of strings played for the ears of those who cared to listen and for the legs of those who chose to take chances on tripping their light fantastic toes over tree roots in the grass.

Red loved music, and he loved the night. The poetic side of his memories of watching the Dipper swing around Polaris while he sung the cows to sleep came back to him. In his mind he saw the vast prairie roll on to infinity, saw the mountains stand out a world of white peaks, rising from a sea of darkness. Again he heard the plaintive shrilling of an Indian whistle or the song of the lad down creek, made tuneful by the charm of distance.

"Having a good time, Mattie?" he asked, with a smile.

"The best I ever had, Will!" she answered, smiling back unsteadily. Poor lady! The size of an occasion is

so many standards, whether the standard be inches or feet or miles. Miss Mattie's events had been measured in hundredths of an inch, and it took a good many of them to cover so small an action as a successful picnic on a beautiful night. Her eyes were humid; her mouth smiled and drooped at the corners alternately. Red felt her happiness with a keen sympathy, and as he looked at her, suddenly she changed in his eyes. Just what the difference was he could not have told, nor whether it was in her or in him. A sudden access of feeling, undefinable, unplaceable, but strong, possessed him. There is a critical temperature in the life of a man, when no amount of pressure can ever make the more expansive emotions assume the calmer form of friendship. There was something in Miss Mattie's eye which had warned Red to that degree, but he didn't know it. He only knew that he wanted to sit rather unnecessarily close beside her, and that he would be sorry when it came time to go home. And he was very silent.

During the drive back to the house he spoke in monosyllables; he went straight to the barn with Lettis afterward, and made no attempt to take the usual frank and hearty good night kiss.

"You're as glum as an oyster!" said Lettis, when they reached their quarters. "What's the matter, old man?"

"I don't know, Let; I feel kind of quiet, somehow."

"Sick? Or something go wrong?"

"No; nothing of the kind. It's just sort of an attack of stillness, but I feel durn good."

Lettis laughed. "If it wasn't you, Red, I'd say you were in love," he said.

It was well the barn was dark, or he would have seen a change wonderful to behold come over the expuncher's face. "The lad has hit it," he said to himself in astonishment; aloud he grunted "huh!" scornfully, and aroused himself for an unnecessary joke or two.

Miss Mattie had noticed the "attack of stillness" and immediately tried to fasten the blame upon herself. What had she done? She couldn't recall anything. She remembered she had said something about the way his hair looked with the moon shining on it. Perhaps he had taken offense at that. The remark was entirely complimentary, but sometimes people are touchy about such things. Still, that was not the least like Cousin Will. She must have said or done something, though. What could it be? Oh, what a pitiful memory that could not recollect an injury done to one's best friend! She tossed and wondered over it for a long time before at length she fell asleep.

Red also looked up at the roof and took account of stock. His face was radiant in the dark. "If I could only pull that off!" he thought. "I must seem an awful rough cuss to her, though. All right for a cousin, but it's different when you come to the

other proposition. My Jiminy! I'll take a chance in the morning and find out, anyhow!" said he, and, eased in mind by the decision of action, he too shook hands with Morpheus and was presently dreaming.

It had never occurred to Red Saunders that he was afraid of anybody. He even chuckled when he got Lettis out of the way with a plausible excuse the next morning. Then he strode briskly into the house, his question on his lips in a plump out and out form.

Miss Mattie looked at him with her slow smile. "What is it?" she asked. Red swallowed his question whole. "I—I wanted a little hot water to shave with," said he. Then a fury took hold of him. "What the devil am I lying like this for?" he thought. He exhorted himself to go on and say what he had to say like a man, but the other Red Saunders refused to let anything of the sort. He took the cup of hot water most abjectly and fled from the house. He had to shave then, and in his hurry and indignation he turned the operation into a clinic. "Oh, Jiminy, look at that!" he cried as the razor opened up another part of the subject. "There's a slit an inch long! If I keep on at this gait I won't have face enough to say good morning, let alone what I want to do. What ails me? What ails me! Why should I be scared of the nicest woman God ever built? Now, by all the Mormon gods, I'll post right into the house and say my little say as soon as these cuts stop bleeding!"

Cobwebs stopped the cuts, and other cobwebs stopped Red Saunders, late of the Chanta Seechee ranch, 254 pounds of the very finest bone and muscle. And the cobwebs held him foaming and boiling with rage and disgust, calling himself all the yaller pups he could think of, but staying strictly within the safe limits of the barn. It was a revelation to the big man, and not a pleasant one. How was he to know that the most salient point of his apparent cowardice was nothing less worthy than respect for the woman's security? That if he would stop swearing long enough to get at the springs of his action he would find that he hesitated because the new light on the matter made huge shadows of the slips in the career of a strong, lawless, untrained but sorely tempted man? He knew nothing of the sort, and the funniest of comedies took place in the barn. He would reach the sensible stage. "Pah! All foolishness! Go? Of course he'd go and this very minute, and have the thing done with, good or bad." He was quite amused at his former conduct until he reached the door; then he'd skip nimbly back again, with a hot feeling that somebody was watching him, although a careful inspection through the crack of the door revealed no one.

Red discovered another thing that afternoon, which was that the more nervous you are the more nervous you get. He groaned in perfect misery: "Oho! That I should have seen the day when I was afraid to ask anybody anything! What's come over me again? It's this darn country, I believe. 'Tain't me." Then he stopped short. "What you saying, Red?" he queried. "Why don't you own up like a man?" The fact that it had a funny side struck him, and he laughed half forlornly and half in thorough enjoyment. He suddenly sobered down. "She's worth it anyway," said he. "She's the best there is, and I ought to feel kind of leery of the outcome. Well, now I guess I won't say anything till there's a downright good chance. I see I didn't savvy this kind of business like I thought I did. 'Twouldn't be no kind of manners to step up to a lady and shout, 'I'd like to have you marry me if you feel you've got the time.' That don't go no more than a Chinaman on roller skates. Your work is good, Red, but it's a little lumpy in spots. Them two left feet bother you. You're good in your place, but you'd better build a fence around the place, d—n the luck! Smotheration! I think she likes me, all right, but when it comes to more'n that—oh, blast it, I'll just have to wait for a real good chance! Now come, old man, get four feet on the ground and don't roll your eyes. Take it easy till the chance comes."

Little he knew the chance was coming up the street at that moment. He only saw Miss Mattie step out into the bed of flowers, her face looking unusually pretty and youthful under the big straw hat, and start to reduce the weeds to order. She glanced around as though in search of some one, and Red felt intuitively that the one was himself.

"Here's where I ought to act as if I wore long pants," said he. "Now, what's to hinder me from going out there and get a-talking?" And then he sat down hastily, more disgusted than ever, and smote the air with his fist. "You'd think the nicest, quietest woman that ever lived was a wild beast the way I act; yes, sir, you would!"

Meantime the chance drew nearer. It was not a pleasant looking opportunity. Its eyes, full of dread and dreadful, peeped out from beneath a brush of matted hair. A tough, rosy foam hung from its mouth. If you put as much of that foam as would go on the point of a pin in an open cut, you would have an end that your worst enemy would shudder at, for this was the most horrifying of dangerous animals—a mad dog! Poor brute! As he came shambling down the road he was the grisly mask of tragedy.

It was near noon, intensely hot, and the street of Fairfield was deserted. No one saw the dog, and if his occasional rattling, strangling howl reached any ears they were dead to its meaning. He was unheeded until he lurched through the gate which Lettis had left open, as usual, and, spinning around in a circle, gave voice to

his cry. It brought Miss Mattie to her feet in an unknown terror; it brought Red from the barn in a full cognizance—he had heard that sound before when a mad coyote landed in a cabin full of fairly strong nerved cowmen and set them screeching like hysterical women before a chance shot ended him.

Red saw the brute jump toward Miss Mattie. Instinctively his hand flew to his hip, and instantly he remembered there was nothing there. Then with great, uneven leaps he sprang forward. "Keep your hands up, Mattie, and don't move!" he screamed. "Let him chew the dress! For God's sake, don't move!"

She turned her white face toward him, and through the dimness of sight from his straining efforts, he saw her try to smile as she obeyed him to the letter, and without a sound. "Oh, brave girl!" he thought and threw the ground behind him desperately.

At twenty feet distance he dove like a base runner, and his hands closed around the dog's neck. Over they went with the shock of the onset, and before they were still the hands had finished their work. A clutch, and a snap, and it was done.

The dog lay quivering. Red rose to his knees, wondering at the humming in his head. His wits came back to him sharply.

"Did he bite you, Mattie?" he cried. But she had already caught his hands and was looking at them with a savage eagerness one would not have believed to be in her.

"There is no mark," she said, suddenly weak. "He didn't touch you?"

"Answer me when I speak to you!" shouted Red, beside himself. "Did he bite you?"

She answered him, with a sob, "No." And then his question asked itself, and answered itself, although, again, he did not know it. He gathered her up in his arms, kissed her like one raised from the dead and swore and prayed and thanked God all in the same breath.

His old imperious nature came back with the relief. "Here!" said he, putting her away for a moment. "Take off that dress—that slime on there's enough to kill a hundred men—take it right off."

Miss Mattie started blindly to obey, then stopped. "Not here, Will—I'll go in the house," she said.

"You'll take it off right here and now," said Red, "and I'll burn it up on the spot. I'd rather have forty rattlesnakes around than that stuff. Off with it! This is no child's play, and I don't care a d—n what the old lady next door thinks."

Miss Mattie slipped off her outer skirt and stood a second, confused and dainty. She took flight to the house, running as lithely as a greyhound.

"By jingo!" said Red in admiration. "Let's see you bring another woman that can run like that!"

He gathered some hay and piled it on the dress, firing the heap.

Then he turned to his antagonist. "Poor old boy! Hard luck, eh? But I had to do it," he said and gave him decent interment at the end of the garden, washed his hands carefully and went into the house on pleasanter duties.

"I'll ask her now, by the great horn spoon!" said he valiantly.

Miss Mattie was in a curious state of mind. There was an after effect from the fright which made her tremble, and a remembrance of Cousin Will's actions which made her tremble more yet. When she heard him coming she started to fly, although now clothed beyond reproach, but her knees deserted her, and she was forced to sink back in her chair. Red came in whistling blithely, vainglorious man!

He had his suspicions, generated by the peculiar fervor Miss Mattie had shown in regard to his hands.

"Mattie," quoth he, "I'm tired of living out there in the barn. I want a respectable house of my own."

"Yes, Will," replied Miss Mattie, astonished that he should choose such a subject at such a time.

"Yes," he continued, "and I want a wife too. You often said you'd like to do something for me, Mattie. Suppose you take the job?"

How much of glancing at a thing in one's mind as a beautiful improbability will ever make such a cold fact less astonishing? Miss Mattie eyed him with eyes that saw not. Speech was stricken from her.

Red caught sight. He spring forward and took her hand. "Couldn't you do it, Mattie?" said he. There was a world of pleading in the tone. Miss Mattie looked up, her own honest self. All the little feminine shrinkings left her immediately.

"Ah, but I could, Will!" she said.

Lettis came up on the stoop unheard. He stopped, then gingerly turned and made his way back on tiptoe, holding his arms like wings.

"Well, by George!" he murmured. "I'll come back in a little while, when I'll be more welcome."

He spoke to Red in strong reproach that night in the barn. "You never told me a word, you old sinner!" said he.

"Tell you the honest truth, Let," replied Red earnestly, looking up from drawing off a boot. "I didn't know it myself till you told me about it."

They talked it all over a long time before blowing out the light, but then the little window shut its bright eye, and the only life the midnight stars saw in Fairfield was Miss Mattie, her elbow on the casement, looking far, far out into the tranquil night and thinking mistily.

THE END.

The Test.

"Come in here, I wish to tell you a piece of gossip Mrs. Smith told me."

"Is it good?"

"Is it? I had to promise not to tell a soul before she would tell me."—Houston Post.

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WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 21.
SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market quiet 41 cents.
ROBIN—Market, quiet at \$2.70 per barrel of 280 pounds.
TAR—Market, nothing doing.
CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm \$2.00 per barrel for hard, \$3.00 for dip and \$3.00 for virgin.
Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm 66 1-2; rosin firm steady \$3.70; tar firm \$2.35; crude turpentine, \$3.35, \$4.50, \$4.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine 21
Rosin 14
Tar 19
Crude Turpentine 19
Receipts same day last year—62 casks spirits turpentine; 42 barrels rosin; 166 barrels tar; 57 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady at 11 1-16 cents for middling.
Same day last year—Firm at 10 3-8 cents for middling.
Receipts—2,983 bales, same day last year 108 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

PEANUTS—North Carolina Prime 50c, extra prime, 55c; fancy, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; Virginia—No. 1, 60c; fancy 65c; Spanish, 85c per bushel for white; Firm, 80c; 82 1-2 per bushel for white; 78c for mixed.
N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, 17c per pound; shoulders 12 1-2; sides 12 1-2; 13c.
EGGS—Dull at 25c. per dozen.
CHICKENS—Dull at 15c. per pound for large springs; grown, firm, 30c per pound.
BEEF—Firm at 24c.
TALLOW—Firm at 1 1-2c. per pound.
BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2 per pound on foot.
HIDES—Dry, 8 to 9c; green, 4 to 5c per pound.
PORK—Firm at 7c. per pound.
TURKEYS—Firm at 15c on foot; 18c. dressed.
SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 65c 70c per bushel.
CHEESE—Firm, 60c per head.
COW PEAS—\$1.40 to \$1.50 per bushel; white peas, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per bushel.
WOOL—Firm at 23c. per pound.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 21.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 5 points on December but generally 1 to 2 points lower, and during the early session showed a net loss of 3 to 4 points on the active months under unaltered liquidation and selling by some of the room traders who were influenced by bearish week end figure reports of lowed offerings from Texas, and smaller English spot sales. Offerings from Texas, and smaller English spot sales. Offerings were not at all heavy, however, and later prices went up on covering and a little buying by Wall street interest. During the middle of the morning the market was very quiet, but steady at a net advance of 3 to 4 points. The market closed steady with prices net 2 points higher to 1 point lower.
Receipts at the ports today 54,735 bales against 57,272 last week and 773,508 last year. For the week 350,000 bales against 400,215 last week and 3,116,000 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 15,915 bales against 14,337 last year and at Houston 9,597 bales against 10,009 last year.
Spot closed steady; middling uplands 11.80; middling gulf 12.05; sales none.
Futures opened steady and closed quiet.
Month. Open. Close.
December 11.20 11.17
January 10.45 10.48
February 10.61 10.61
March 10.71 10.71
April 10.73 10.73
May 10.75 10.75
June 10.75 10.75
July 10.70 10.71
August 10.57 10.51

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 11 9-16; Net receipts 18,956.
New Orleans—Quiet, 11 5-16; Net receipts 1,915.
Mobile—Quiet, 11; Net receipts 2,467.
Savannah—Quiet, 10 15-16; Net receipts 8,908.
Charleston—Quiet, 11; Net receipts 639.
Wilmington—Quiet, 11; Net receipts 2,983.
Norfolk—Steady, 11 1-4; Net receipts 3,821.
Baltimore—Nominal, 11 1-2; Net receipts 8,208.
New York—Steady, 11.80.
Boston—Steady, 11.80; Net receipts 3.
Philadelphia—Steady, 12.05; Net receipts 50.
Total today, at all ports, Net 54,735; Great Britain 15,162; France 6,128; Continent 12,304; Stock 1,033,399.
Consolidated, at all ports, Net 54,735; Great Britain 15,162; France 6,128; Continent 12,304; Japan 2.
Total since Sept. 1, at all ports, Net 4,516,115; Great Britain 1,443,070; France 423,651; Continent 1,404,323; Japan 52,432; Mexico 1,020.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 11 7-16; Net receipts 9,597.
Augusta—Quiet, 11 3-16; Net receipts 1,730.
Memphis—Steady, 11 1-4; Net receipts 4,469.
St. Louis—Steady, 11 5-8; Net receipts 740.
Cincinnati—Net receipts 332.
Louisville—Firm, 11 1-2.
Little Rock—Steady, 11; Net receipts 1,930.
Total today—Net receipts 18,798; Gross receipts 23,938; Shipments 24,103; Sales 3,356; Stock 293,106.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Cable to The Morning Star.)
Liverpool, Dec. 21.—Cotton: Spot quiet, prices six points higher. American middling, fair, 6 7/8; good mid-

dling, 6 4/8; middling, 6 1/8; low middling, 5 3/8; good ordinary, 5 4/8; ordinary, 4 9/8.
The sales of the day were 5,000 bales of which 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 4,200 American.
Receipts, 12,000 bales, including 2,800 American. Futures opened steady and closed steady. American middling, G. O. C.: December, 5 1/2 1-2; December and January 5 7/8; January and February, 5 7/8 1-2; February and March, 5 7/4; March and April, 5 7/4; April and May, 5 7/8; May and June, 5 7/8; June and July, 5 7/8; July and August, 5 7/8; August and September, 5 7/8 1-2; September and October, 5 5/8; October and November, 5 4/2 1-2.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 21.—The dry goods market was seasonably quiet. More requests for the shipment of delayed goods are coming forward. Merchants and manufacturers are working in harmony to bring about a curtailment of production, in order to protect the trade from the dangers of demoralized values, while such a volume of goods is to be taken in, and financial conditions are so complicated.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 21.—There was a dull and dragging market as has come to be the rule on a Saturday since the rule went into force to postpone the publication of the bank statement until after the close of the Stock Exchange session.
The good impression from Saturday's advance in prices remained and there was no severe pressure on the market. Loans made on Friday carry over until Monday, so that there is no direct pressure on borrowers on Saturday. The impaired position of the bank's, with the still existing deficit in the legal reserve requirement, and the large volume of outstanding clearing house certificates, added to the delicacy of the situation. In business considerations there are some large requirements to be met including payments on January 1, for large installments of subscriptions for Northern Pacific and New York, New Haven and Hartford new stock. Liquidation in the stock market has played its part in the showing of this item and the return of advances made to the trust companies during the period of the strain has affected both the loan and cash items.
The condition of the government finances is attracting increasing attention. There was some profit-taking in the late stock market and the closing tone was irregular.
Bonds were steady. Total sales, par value were \$1,664,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call during the week. Total sales of stocks today were 225,000 shares.

Clearing House Statement.

New York, Dec. 21.—The statement of Clearing House Banks for the week shows that the banks hold \$31,751,000 less than the requirements of the 25 reserve rule. This is an increase of \$8,350,175 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week. The statement follows:
Loans \$1,165,446,800; decrease \$9,581,100.
Deposits \$1,059,494,000; decrease \$7,371,900.
Circulation \$70,659,600; increase \$1,661,700.
Legal tenders \$51,619,400; increase \$2,169,400.
Specie \$18,503,100; increase \$4,337,800.
Reserve \$233,122,500; increase \$6,507,200.
Reserve required \$264,873,500; decrease \$1,542,975.
Deficit \$31,751,000; decrease \$8,350,175.
Ex-U. S. deposits \$12,101,950; decrease \$8,723,000.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 21.—Money on call, nominal. Time loans firm and dull, sixty days 12 per cent.; ninety days 10 per cent., six months, 8 per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 7 1-2 to 8 per cent. Stealing exchange, easy with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8610 for demand, and at 4.8025 for sixty day bills. Commercial bills 4.79 to 4.90. Bar silver 51 1-2. Mexican dollars 41.

New York Bonds.

U. S. refunding 2s reg 104 1-2
U. S. refunding 2s cou 105
U. S. 3s reg 101 1-2
U. S. 3s cou 101 1-2
U. S. new 4s reg 119
U. S. new 4s cou 119
American Tobacco Co. 4s 95 3-4
American Tobacco Co. 6s 94
Atlantic Coast Line 4s 85
Baltimore & Ohio 4s 95 3-4
L. & N. United 4s 94 1-2
Seaboard Air Line 4s 65
Southern Railway 5s 94 1-2
U. S. Steel 5s 84

Closing Stock List.

Amalgamated Copper 47 1-8
American Car Foundry 31 3-8
Amr. Car Foundry pfd 85@95
American Cotton Oil Co. 28 1-2
Amr. Cotton Oil Co. pfd 70@85
American Locomotive 37 1-2
American Smelting & Ref. 99 7-8
American Sugar Refining 100 1-8
Amr. Tobacco pfd cert. 69 1-2
Atchison 71 1-2
Atchison, pfd 80
Atlantic Coast Line 70 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio pfd 82 7-8
Baltimore & Ohio pfd 75
Chesapeake & Ohio 30 3-8
Kansas City Southern 24
Kansas City Southern pfd 52
L. & N. 92 3-4
New York Central 95
Norfolk & Western 64 4-2
Norfolk & Western pfd 72@76
Pennsylvania 112 1-8
People's Gas 79 1-4
Reading 94 1-8
Reading 2nd pfd 74
Rock Island Co. 15 3-4
Rock Island Co. pfd 29
Southern Pacific 74
Southern Pacific pfd 108 3-8
Southern Railway 13 1-2

Southern Railway pfd 38
Tenn. Coal & Iron 95
U. S. Steel 26 3-4
U. S. Steel pfd 88 1-2
Va. Car. Chemical 16
Ca. Car. Chemical pfd 35@92
Seaboard Air Line 443
Standard Oil 55@58
Western Union 55@58

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 21.—Flour dull, but firm; Minnesota patents 5.35 to 5.70; Winter patents 4.85 to 5.25.
Rye flour—Firm; fair to good 4.85 to 5.15.
Buckwheat flour—Steady; 3.00 per 100 pounds.
Corn meal—Firm; fine white and yellow 1.35 to 1.40.
Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red 1.06 5-8 elevator. Options 3-8 net higher. December 1.08 1-4; May 1.13 3-4; July 1.06 5-8.
Corn—Spot easy; No. 2, 71 1-2 elevator; Options 3-8 higher. December 71; May 66 7-8.
Oats—Spot steady; mixed 54 1-4; natural white 57 to 59.
Lard—Steady; Western prime 8.15 to 8.25 nominal. Refined easy.
Pork—Barely steady; family 18.00 to 18.50.
Tallow—Quiet; city 5 5-16; country 5 1-8 to 5 3-8.
Rice—Quiet; domestic fair to extra 2 3-4 to 6 1-2.
Molasses—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle good to choice 34 to 42.
Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining 3.30 to 3.35; centrifugal 96 test 3.85; molasses sugar 3.00 to 3.05; refined steady; No. 6, 4.40; No. 7, 4.35; No. 8, 4.30; No. 9, 4.25; No. 10, 4.15; No. 11, 4.10; No. 12, 4.05; No. 13, 4.00; No. 14, 3.95; Confectioners A, 4.60; mould, A, 5.15; cut loaf 5.60; crushed 5.50; powdered 4.90; granulated 4.80; cubes 5.05.
Coffee—Spot quiet; No. 7, Rio 6 7-8; Santos No. 4, 8c. Mild coffee, quiet; Cordova 9 1-2 to 13. Futures net 5 to 10 points lower.
Butter—Firm; special creamery 29; extras 29.
Cheese—Firm, unchanged.
Eggs—Firm, unchanged.
Cotton Seed Oil—Was steady on a moderate trade. Prime crude 29 to 30; prime summer yellow 27; off summer yellow 35 to 37 1-2; prime white 38 to 39 1-2; prime winter yellow 45 to 48.
Freights and Peanuts—Steady, unchanged.
Potatoes—Steady, unchanged.
Cabbages—Easy, unchanged.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
Chicago, Dec. 21.—Wheat prices on the local exchange advanced more than one cent per bushel today because of additional rains in Argentina but practically all of the gain was lost on week-end profit taking. At the close the May delivery was unchanged compared with yesterday's final quotations. Corn was off 3-8 to 1-2. Oats were 5-8 lower. Provisions were 7 1-2 higher.
Leading features closed as follows:
Wheat—Dec. 99 1-2; May 1.06 3-8; July 99 1-8.
Corn—Dec. 57 1-4; May 57 7-8; July 56 7-8.
Oats—Dec. old 49 1-2; May, old 53 3-4; May, new 52 3-4; July, old 47 5-8; July new 45 1-4.
Mess Pork, per bbl.—Jan. 12.70; May 13.22 1-2.
Lard, per 100 lbs.—Jan. 7.80; May 7.92 1-2.
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—Jan. 6.77 1-2; May 7.12 1-2.
Cash quotations were as follows:
Flour—Firm.
No. 2 spring wheat—1.09 to 1.13; No. 3, 1.00 to 1.12; No. 2 red 99 1-2 to 1.02 1-2.
No. 2 corn—58 to 59; No. 2 yellow 64 to 64 1-2.
No. 2 oats 49 1-2; No. 3 white 48 1-2 to 52.
Short Ribs, Sides (loose)—6.62 1-2 to 7.25.
Mess Pork, per bbl.—12.12 1-2 to 12.25.
Lard per 100 lbs.—7.97 1-2.
Short Clear Sides (boxed)—7.00 to 7.12 1-2.
Whiskey, basis of high wines—1.35.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
New York, Dec. 21.—Rosin, quiet, strained common to good 3.20 to 3.25; turpentine easy at 46 1-2.
Charleston, Dec. 21.—Turpentine and rosin, nothing doing.
Savannah, Dec. 21.—Spirits turpentine firm, 41 3-4; sales, 228; receipts 705; shipments 615.
Rosin firm; sales 3,085; receipts 3,587; shipments 4,430; stock 110,541.
Quote: A B C, 2.75 to 2.95; D, 2.75 to 2.95; E, 2.90; F, 2.85; G, 2.90 to 2.95; H, 2.95 to 3.00; I, 3.50; K, 4.50; M, 5.25; N, 5.95 to 6.10; W G, 6.00 to 6.25; W W, 6.00 to 6.25.

MARINE

ARRIVED.
Br. steamer Ness, 1,963 tons, Page, Heide & Co.
Br. steamer Arroyo, 2,307 tons, Clough, Vera Cruz, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

CLEARED.
Br. steamer Hillmore, Lakés, Bremen, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Str. Carib. Rich, New York, H. G. Smallbones.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.
Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 21, 1907.
C. C. Railroad—127 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 7 barrels rosin, 6 barrels crude turpentine.
W. & W. Railroad—334 bales cotton, 12 barrels tar.
W. C. & A. Railroad—1,969 bales cotton, 12 casks spirits turpentine, 7 barrels rosin, 13 barrels tar, 13 barrels crude turpentine.
A. & Y. Railroad—558 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 90 barrels tar.
Total—2,983 bales cotton, 21 casks

spirits turpentine, 14 barrels rosin, 120 barrels tar, 19 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.
Ness, (Br.), 1,963 tons, Page, Heide & Co.
Arroyo, (Br.), 2,307 tons, Clough, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Dacre Hill, (Br.), 1,714 tons, Kendall, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Byglands, (Nor.), 1,640 tons, Olsen, C. D. Maffitt.
Lord Derby, (Br.), 2,401 tons, Henrickson, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Sierra Blanca, (Br.), 2,338 tons, Gruchy Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.
E. Marie Brown, 378 tons, Brown, C. D. Maffitt.
Admiral (Br.), 83 tons, Pearce, Springer Coal Co.
Massachusetts, 437 tons, Lane, C. D. Maffitt.
John M. Brown, 270 tons, Stevens, C. D. Maffitt.

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Condition of THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts \$1,767,886 59
N. C. State Bonds 55,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par) 450,000 00
Bank Building 25,000 00
Cash 891,114 25
\$3,189,000 84

LIABILITIES.

Capital \$ 500,000 00
Surplus and Net Profits 227,211 61
Circulation 425,000 00
Deposits 1,936,789 23
U. S. Bond Account 100,000 00
\$3,189,000 84

DEPOSITS:

December 3rd, 1903, \$1,457,386 48
December 3rd, 1905, \$1,856,479 01
December 3rd, 1907, \$1,936,789 23
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FIERY SPEECH IN THE HOUSE

Mr. Gaines Didn't Want Congress
to Adjourn For Holidays
With Business Before It.

"THROTTLE THE THIEVES"

He Exclaimed With Emphasis—House
Gets Down to Business and Does
Considerable Work—Evans to
be Provided For.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)
Washington, Dec. 21.—The Senate
and House both adjourned today after
brief sessions until January 6.

In the House, proceedings were en-
livened by a fiery speech by John Wes-
ley Gaines, of Tennessee, protesting
against adjournment of the House for
the Christmas holidays. We should
have gone to Wall street and throttled
the thieves and turned back to the
honest people their hard earnings," he
exclaimed.

At this utterance Mr. Payne, of New
York, laughingly inquired what sub-
ject was before the House.

"Oh," said Mr. Gaines, "I expect
more than the gentleman from New
York will laugh in Wall street at
what I say. But that does not deter
me from condemning their imposition
and their outrage upon the plain peo-
ple of this country who are not re-
sponsible for this highway act of im-
posing an unnecessary panic upon the
defenseless people. I say we should
stay here through the holidays and
rivet down these vultures that have
forced this condition."

It was the duty of every member, he
said, to stay here and attend to busi-
ness "not as Democrats or as Repub-
licans, but as Americans representing
the American people."

Although not in such forceful lan-
guage, Representative Hepburn, of
Iowa, protested against the general
permission which had been given to
committees to sit during the sessions
of the House. Such action he said
tied the hands of the House and
would make it impossible on some oc-
casions to secure a quorum.

Notwithstanding the two protests the
usual permission was granted to com-
mittees and after being in session
twenty minutes the House adjourned
until January 6.

The Senate passed a bill suspending
during the year 1907, the requirement
that miners shall do at least \$100 of
work annually during the period in
which their claims are being perfect-
ed.

The Senate also passed without
amendment, a deficiency appropriation
bill which had previously passed the
House, appropriating \$50,000 to re-
place seed burned at the Agricultural
Department warehouse in this city
November 6 last.

Senator Cullom introduced a joint
resolution proposing amendment to
the constitution limiting the terms of
the President and vice president to
six years, and prohibiting a re-election
for a second term.

A number of other bills and resolu-
tions were introduced.

The Senate was in session 45 min-
utes.

Senator Scott today introduced a
joint resolution providing for the ap-
pointment of a commission to consist
of three Senators and three Represen-
tatives to make an investigation into
the recent explosions in coal mines
in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ala-
bama and other States. The commis-
sion is directed to report to Congress
and to make such recommendations as
may seem proper.

"I hope to have a prompt report on
this joint resolution," said Mr. Scott,
"as I am receiving a great many let-
ters and telegrams in regard to these
disasters. People think it is time to
discover where the blame for these
disasters rest."

The resolution was referred to the
committee on mines and mining.

Senator Warner, of Missouri, intro-
duced a bill creating the rank of Vice
Admiral in the navy. If it should be-
come a law it will permit the promo-
tion of Rear Admiral Evans to the
proposed rank, but the measure was
not intended to accomplish that end
alone. It is general in its nature, and
its purpose is to provide for a rank
in the navy which, when that branch
of the military service is represented
abroad, does not render it necessary
for the commander to allow officers of
other countries whose navies are not
so important as ours to take preced-
ence over them. Following is the text
of the bill:

"The President is authorized to ap-
point by selection and promotion a
Vice Admiral of the Navy whose re-
tirement shall be governed by the ex-
isting law governing the retirement of
Rear Admirals of the Navy."

A similar bill was introduced in the
House by Mr. Kennedy, of Ohio.

A bill providing security to deposi-
tors of banks and for "the prevention
of the hoarding of currency" was in-
troduced today by Senator Owen of
Oklahoma. It fixes a tax upon all de-
posits and from the fund thus created,
provides for the payment in full of
all depositors when a bank is declared
insolvent. The Secretary of the Treas-
ury is directed to maintain a fund of
one hundred million dollars in treasury
notes, which may be loaned upon bonds
to ninety per cent. of their value. Sen-
ator Johnson, of Alabama, introduced
a bill putting on the free list articles
whose price becomes twenty-five per
cent. higher in this country than their
price in foreign countries, while the
wages in connection with the manufac-
ture of such articles are twenty-five
per cent. lower than European wages.

Mr. Adair, of Indiana, introduced in
the House a bill making it the duty
of the Secretary of the Treasury, on
the first of July, October, January and
April of each year, after thirty days

GOVERNOR SPARKS TALKS

Denounces President For Proposed
Removal of Troops From Gold-
field and Says He Hopes
No Blood Will be Shed.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Reno, Nev. Dec. 21.—From his bed
today, Governor Sparks, who is very
sick, made the following statement
in explanation of his act in asking
President Roosevelt to send troops to
Goldfield:

"Throughout this whole controver-
sy I have acted according to my best
judgment. I believed from advices re-
ceived from confidential agents in
Goldfield that trouble was imminent
in the mining camps. I know that dy-
namite had been stolen from the
mines; that the miners were armed
and prepared for trouble, and the
picketing of mines and preventing
men from working was damaging prop-
erty. I was also advised that the
sheriff and other civil authorities
were unable to cope with the situa-
tion. I made these facts known to
the President, and in the absence of
any statement I advised that troops
be sent to prevent trouble. I thought
no good could be had from calling a
special session of the Legislature. It
has developed since the arrival of the
troops that there has been no vio-
lence. And this is why I asked for
troops. I believed that, so long as
there were regular troops on the
ground, there would be no outbreak,
but I feared and had reason so to
fear, that unless such action were
taken immediately there would be
riot and bloodshed.

"While I was in Goldfield, I investi-
gated personally the conditions that
prevailed. I found that the business
men were afraid of violence and that
the women were in terror. Dozens
of women have left the camp because
they feared trouble. I found that
there was organized a band of 'high
graders,' and that the sheriff is ab-
solutely unable to secure a convic-
tion of any ore thieves. I learned
that there are over a thousand rifles
in the possession of the miners and
that the spirit of many of the men is
such as to warrant me in believing
that these rifles would be used upon
small pretext.

"While General Funston was there
I conferred with him frequently. Af-
ter he had made a thorough investi-
gation, seeking information from all
sources, he told me that it was his
opinion that the troops had arrived
none too soon. I think he considered
this situation grave and he gave me
to understand that he endorsed my
action in requesting that the troops
be sent. He practically stated that a
portion of the troops would remain
in Goldfield until winter had passed.

"President Roosevelt has evidently
acted upon the advice of the commis-
sion which he sent to investigate.
They were there a short time and
their investigations were perforce
much more incomplete than those
conducted by General Funston. I
have always had a high regard for
the President but I believe he has
made a serious mistake. I hope that
no blood will stain the streets of
Goldfield, but I fear before many days
have passed some violent outbreak
will prove the unwisdom of this act.
"I have given no thought to issuing
a special call of the Legislature. If
I thought it would accomplish any-
thing by so doing, I would not hesi-
tate a second. I shall do all in my
power to maintain order, however."

TO BE AMICABLY SETTLED.

Controversy Between Tobacco Grow-

ers and Buyers May End.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 21.—It is the
opinion of those who participated yester-
day in the conference of tobacco
growers and buyers, called by Gov-
ernor Willson that the tobacco con-
troversy in Kentucky will be amicably
settled.

The conference was in session un-
til a late hour last night and adjourned
with the understanding that the
American Tobacco Company would on
January 2 examine samples of the to-
bacco held by the Burley Tobacco So-
ciety at Winchester.

The society holds 60,000,000 pounds
of tobacco. The American Company
made it clear that it could not use
all of it, but would examine samples
and probably place a price on a por-
tion of it.

Before the adjournment of the con-
ference, a committee representing the
Green River Dark Tobacco District,
headed by E. B. McEwen of the Mc-
Lean Company, requested a confer-
ence with the American Tobacco Com-
pany's representatives and all other
buyers. The American Tobacco Com-
pany's representatives complied with
the request but no date was set for
the inspection of the tobacco.

notice, to receive and open sealed bids
from National banks applying, to re-
ceive deposits (on call) of surplus
moneys in the United States Treasury
and to award such deposits to the
highest bidders; not less than \$25,000
to be accepted by any bank and no
single deposit in excess of the appli-
cants paid up capital to be awarded
by the secretary.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Hardy,
of Texas, forbidding transportation
companies operating on inland water-
ways between one State and another to
cut freight rates below the level of
profit with intent to destroy competi-
tion and secure a monopoly and an-
other was offered by Mr. Johnson
of South Carolina, subjecting intoxi-
cants brought from one State into an-
other to the excise laws of the State
of destination.

The President sent a message to
the Senate recommending that means
of sending delegates to the first Pan-
American Scientific Congress at San-
tiago, Chili, be provided. The Con-
gress will be held in December, 1908.

Toys, Fancy Christmas Goods and
Fireworks at Rehder's, Fourth Street
and at Market Street store, under Bo-
nitz Hotel.

TAFT'S DAY

A BUSY ONE

Ex-Senator Marion Butler Was
Among His Very Many Prom-
inent Visitors.

HE CALLED ON PRESIDENT

Has Instructed His Private Secretary
to Address Home Market Club
In Boston on the Philip-
pine Tariff.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary
Taft's first day at his desk since his
return to the United States was a busy
one from beginning to end.

He had a great number of callers,
most of them officials connected with
the War Department, but beside these
there were a number of persons whose
business could not reasonably be con-
nected with that department.

Such for instance as J. L. Bristow
of Kansas, at one time Fourth Assis-
tant Postmaster General, but now a
very active political influence in Kan-
sas. Then there was Representative
Pearre of Maryland, Ex-Senator Mar-
ion Butler of North Carolina, and Jus-
tices Harlan and Day of the Supreme
Court of the United States.

Senators Fulton, of Oregon; Mc-
Creary of Kentucky, Representatives
Long of Kansas and Scott of Kansas
and Douglass of Ohio, also had access
to the Secretary's private ear for a
time.

If they talked politics, however, and
some of them admitted that they did,
notably General Bristow, the Secre-
tary himself was not to be led into any
discussion of that subject with the
newspaper men who wished him to
talk about it later. In fact he said
to them very plainly that the theme
was a forbidden one at this moment.

He admitted, however, that he had
authorized his Private Secretary to
accept an invitation to attend the ban-
quet of the Home Market Club of Bos-
ton and address that body on the night
of the 30th instant. The topic is to be
the Philippine Tariff, and might in one
sense be regarded as political in its
relation to the American tariff though
Secretary Taft will endeavor to have
the projected removal of duties on
Philippine products imported into
America considered on a non-partisan
basis.

The Secretary stated that it might
be necessary for him to make a visit
to Cincinnati in the near future. But
that visit he said, would be connected
with the settlement of the estate of
his recently deceased mother and
would be totally disconnected with
politics.

Colonel Goethals chief engineer of
the Panama canal, Ex-Senator J. C. S.
Blackburn, a member of the Panama
Canal Commission in charge of the
civil administration of the zone and
Mr. R. R. Rogers the law officer of
the commission talked with Secretary Taft
about affairs on the Isthmus.

The Secretary has yet to submit
to Congress his annual report, one of
the most important chapters of which
will deal with the canal construction.

He very much desires to make a
personal visit to the Isthmus to get the
information he needs at first hand,
but owing to the vast accumulation
of business awaiting his disposition
he could not promise to make the trip
before next Summer. Meanwhile he
was supplied with such information as
he desired relative to canal work and
the three officials connected with the
project, also called upon him today.

The Secretary found time enough
during the day to repair to the White
House and confer with the President
briefly, about the situation in Goldfield,
Nevada, the result of his visit being
the issue of an order to the com-
mander of the department of California,
providing for the formal execution of
the decision of the President, announ-
ced in his telegram to Governor Sparks
yesterday, to withdraw the regular
troops from Goldfield on the 30th in-
stant.

Arthur Vorys, the political manager
for Secretary Taft is expected in
Washington tomorrow and the Secre-
tary will have an opportunity to con-
fer with him respecting the political
situation.

RUN ON GEORGIA BANK

Caused By Rumors Set Afloat Con-
cerning Its Solvency.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21.—On account
of rumors set afloat concerning the
solvency of the Neal Banks a State
institution, there was a small run to-
day just before the closing hour and
in consequence the officers of the bank
requested the Clearing House Associa-
tion to make an investigation.

This was started tonight.
It is stated by a member of the as-
sociation that the bank is solvent and
will pay its depositors dollar for dollar.
The bank will either continue in busi-
ness or consolidate with some other
bank. The bank kept open until its
regular closing hour Saturday and paid
every check presented.

The Neal Bank has a capital of \$100,-
000 and a surplus of \$450,000. The de-
posits amount to more than \$2,000,000.

BODY TAKEN SOUTH

Uncle of Oliphant's Slayer Claims
Corose of Dr. C. A. Geiger.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 21.—An uncle of
Dr. C. A. Geiger, of Beaufort, S. C.,
the slayer of Breker James H. Oli-
phant, had the body of the suicide re-
moved from the morgue and placed
on board a train tonight for Savannah,
Ga., where funeral services will take
place next week.

The funeral services for James H.
Oliphant will be held Monday at the
family residence in Brooklyn.

HE PRAYED FOR MR. BRYAN

Did Chaplain of the Oklahoma Leg-
islature and the Members Broke
Into a Storm of Applause
He Made a Speech.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 21.—The pres-
ence of William J. Bryan in Guthrie
today inspired the Chaplain of the
House to pray that Mr. Bryan might
be the next President of the United
States.

Immediately after the prayer the
House broke into a storm of applause
that lasted several minutes. Speaker
William H. Murphy added emphasis
to the prayer by putting it as a ques-
tion to the body.

Every Democrat present answered
with a rousing "Aye." Later the
House met with the Senate to listen
to Mr. Bryan's speech.

Mr. Bryan was the principal speak-
er at a dinner attended by the most
prominent Democrats of Okla-
homa. In his address to the Legisla-
ture Mr. Bryan commended Governor
Haskell's inaugural address and con-
gratulated the new State on being the
first to promulgate a banking law pro-
viding for a depositor's guarantee
fund.

He favored election of United
States Senators by direct vote and
declared that the President of the
United States is a hired man. He re-
ferred to the initiative and referen-
dum clause of the constitution as its
best feature, and predicted that other
States would model their basic law
after that of Oklahoma. He replied
to the attack of Secretary of War
Taft, by saying that he did not "take
back his assertion that the Oklahoma
constitution is the best in the United
States." Touching on the financial
situation and the part taken by Pres-
ident Roosevelt, he said:

"This is not the only thing for
which I should commend him but I
am especially glad for this, because
now I am getting cursed only half as
much. He's getting the other half."

ARRESTED FOR PERJURY

Witness in Famous Druce Trial Held

On Arrival in New York.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 21.—Robert C.
Caldwell, the American who has been
one of the central figures in the now
famous Druce case in London, was
arrested upon the arrival of the steam-
er Kaiserin Augusta Victoria here to-
day, on a charge of perjury.

The warrant upon which the arrest
was made had been sworn out by the
British Consul General at New York.
When Caldwell was taken before a
United States Commissioner in New
York his counsel said he was a very
sick man and asked that he be re-
leased on bail.

He declared that it would be a crime
to detain a man in Caldwell's condition
and said he stood ready to furnish bail
in any amount for the prisoner's ap-
pearance at a later date.

Two physicians were appointed by
the court to make an examination to
determine whether his condition was
as serious as had been represented.

The charge against Caldwell is con-
spiracy, and wilful and corrupt per-
jury in the evidence he gave while tes-
tifying in the Druce case. Papers
giving full details on this subject are
being prepared and will be forwarded
through the foreign office as soon as
possible. The arrest of the American
who was the principal witness for the
prosecution and without whose testi-
mony the case probably would never
have been brought, will add immensely
to the already widespread interest in
the sensational suit.

GOING TO VIRGINIA.

President Has Completed Plans For
His Holidays.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 21.—The holiday
plans of President Roosevelt and fam-
ily, as announced at the White House
today, contemplate a trip to Pine Knot,
Va., the day after Christmas and a
stay at the Virginia estate of Mrs.
Roosevelt of four or five days, when
the family will return to Washington.
Christmas will be celebrated at the
White House as usual, and the Pres-
ident will be back for the public re-
ception on New Year's Day.

The annual visit to Pine Knot af-
fords the President opportunity for
cross country riding and wild turkey
hunting, pastimes of which he is very
fond. Mrs. Roosevelt joins in many
of the horseback rides and because of
the seclusion of the Pine Knot estate,
an uninterrupted enjoyment of outdoor
life may be had. Arrangements for
the trip which will be made over the
Southern Railway were completed to-
day.

Toys, Fancy Christmas Goods and
Fireworks at Rehder's, Fourth Street
and at Market Street store, under Bo-
nitz Hotel.

Cars to the Beach.
Today cars to the beach every half
hour in the afternoon.

After Once Tasting.

Vinol
no one wants an old-fash-
ioned cod liver oil prepara-
tion, or emulsion, because
Vinol is a much better body-
builder and strength creator
for old people, weak children,
and for coughs, colds, bron-
chitis, etc. If it does no good
we will return your money.

ROBT. R. BELLAMY, Druggist,
Wilmington, N. C.

dec 22 tf

TAX NOTICE.

I have waited as long as possible
for the taxes and am now making up
list of property to be advertised.
When list is completed the costs will
be added to the taxes and remain on
same. Office open until 5 P. M.
S. P. COWAN, Sheriff.

dec 22-1t.

Big Christmas Offering CRYSTAL PALACE Week Beginning Monday, Dec. 23, 1907

Giant Vaudeville Bill, Including
Beasley Concert Co.
In Comedy Musical Acts.
Up-to-Date Sketches.
Wonderful Pantomime Features.
The newest Moving Pictures, the latest
Illustrated Songs, Superb Orchestra.

dec 22 1t

Native Beef,
Dressed Turkeys,
Chickens, Oysters,
N. C. Hams, Fresh Eggs.
Palace Market
J. W. BATSON, Prop.
Phone 72

dec 21 tf

PRINTING for Particular People

That is MY BUSINESS.
Are YOU particular?
If so, just phone 1619

W. S. MINTZ
11 and 13 Dock Street

dec 22 tf

Dry Pond Cold Tablets

"Do the Work
Every Time"

In different sections colds af-
fect folks differently. Dry Pond
Cold Tablets are intended for
Wilmington and adjacent points.
Take them when you feel a cold
coming on and they'll relieve
you every time.

Cost Only 25c
Per Box.

Phone
JAS. M. HALL
DRUGGIST
Fifth and Castle. Phone 192.

dec 17 tf

Appreciation

We
appreciate
the liberal
patronage and
good payments
from our
friends in
this section of
the South
during 1907.
Stand by us
during 1908,
if you please.

W. B. Cooper,
Jobbing Grocer
Wilmington, N. C.

dec 22 tf

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same. Office open until 5 P. M.
S. P. COWAN, Sheriff.

dec 22-1t.

If you want Cigars for Xmas Pres-
ent buy
"Victor Hugos"
Brands. We carry them for the deal-
ers. Nothing superior made. In our
whole business life we have never
found anything superior.

F. E. HASHAGEN CO.
CIGAR DEALERS.

dec 22 tf

The Best Thing On the Tree

Nothing in the way of a Christmas
gift will give so much pleasure to so
many for so long a time as an Edison
Phonograph. The enjoyment it affords
is the kind that lasts and the kind that
every member of the family appre-
ciates. It is a gift, not for the time be-
ing, but for all time, taking on a new
interest with every new record.

The Phonograph sings, plays, or
talks. It means as much to the little
folks as to the grown folks. Just now
the eternal question is, "What shall
the Christmas present be?" The an-
swer is, "An Edison Phonograph."

J. W. ROBINSON & CO.
205 PRINCESS STREET.

dec 22 tf

We extend you an invitation
to do your banking with this
institution next year. The
United States Government
just increased its deposit and
now has
\$104,000.00
in our keeping. Our total
assets now amount to nearly
Two Million Dollars, yet we
are seeking new accounts for
the new year, and are pre-
pared to care for your own.

**The
Southern National
Bank**

dec 22 tf

NOTICE

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 21, 1907.
The business of the Atlantic Nation-
al Bank has been consolidated with
the Murchison National Bank. The
Murchison National Bank assumes
all the liabilities of the Atlantic Na-
tional Bank and obligates itself to
pay the same.

With the large resources and liber-
al policy of the Murchison National
Bank, all patrons of either bank may
feel assured of the best treatment in
every particular.

ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK.
J. W. YATES, Cashier.

MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK.
J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

dec 22-1t.